

# THE POTTS' PAGES

October 2007

## **Adventures in Africa**

Early August, a truck we ordered from Japan for the building and mechanic workshop arrived in Tanzania. David and Pieter (a fellow missionary) picked up the truck in Dar Es Salaam. For those of you who have not heard the story- David and Pieter traveled up by bus to Dar Es Salaam. The next morning they were able to retrieve the truck and start on their way- hitting all the check points in good time. That night they stopped to stay with missionaries on the way. While out to eat at a restaurant, they were attacked by armed robbers. Pieter was robbed at gun point. David was beaten in the head with the flat side of a machete. The missionary wife with them distracted the robber long enough for David to get up, grab the knife from the robber and run. Shortly after this the robbers fled. David was bruised and mildly cut. Others were injured. Several children witnessed all this. Four of the six robbers have been caught. **Praise for God's protection. Pray for healing for those involved.**

Mid Sept., while retrieving a rolled vehicle, David and Noel (a short

term missionary) were nearly involved in an accident when a driver passing them swerved out of control, skidded in front of them and then rolled the car several times. David and Noel helped to get the car turned off and the ladies out of the car. **Continue to pray for our protection: physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.**

Also mid Sept., David discovered some tools missing. Through a meeting with the workers, they were able to determine the culprit. The tools were found. The next morning after discovering more tools missing, David filed a police report. The man has a prior record of stealing. He was sentenced to one year in jail. We have been approached by his wife for help while he is in jail. **Pray for this man- that God would bring this man to Himself and he would turn his life around. Pray for wisdom in dealing with his family.**

The end of August, the main market in Mangochi burned. What wasn't destroyed by fire was looted after the burning. Though the rebuilding has begun, vehicle parts and other hardware items are now harder to get locally.

We will let the following praises and prayer requests tell the rest of the story of our last few months.

**Praise:** Our building plans were approved at town council. The excavation has been done for the casting of the footings for the first house to be built.

**Pray:** David and a crew are now involved in re-roofing an existing house- replacing the thatched roof with metal sheeting. The 140ft long house is a huge project that needs to get done before the rains come late Oct. When this project is finished then the house building can continue.

**Praise:** Noel and Elaine Reid, a couple from New Zealand, have come for six month to assist with the building projects. Noel has all around experience and has jumped right into the work. Elaine has been providing some grandmother attention to our children and is helping with payroll.

**Pray:** for the Reid's adjustment and safety. Pray that their farm back in NZ would continue to run smoothly in their absence.

**Praise** for the children finishing last year's schooling.

**Pray** for the 2007-2008 school year that we began in September. The children have begun well and we wish for this to continue. We have also added art this year.

**Praise** for gracious donations which have allowed us to repair our van engine. We sent it to South Africa to be repaired.

**Pray:** that as the engine is returned to us to Malawi, it will be in good running condition. We have been three months without it.

**Praise:** for all our supporters this last year. The fiscal year ended September, we were adequately supported all year.

**Pray:** We have increased our support by \$100 per month due to the cost of living here. For example: gas for our vehicles is now \$5.18 per gallon.

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