

**July 9, 2009**

Jambo (Hello) from Tanzania,

I hope over the next week that I and others who are on this year's trip to Moshi can share with you what is going on here in Tanzania at the Parrish of Mailisita ("mile six" in Swahili). My son Matthew and I have been in Moshi since the 8<sup>th</sup>; Steve Richards arrived on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Dave Braun arrives tonight. The rest of the group for this year will be in Moshi by Friday night (July 10<sup>th</sup>) after spending several days at various Tanzanian National Wildlife Parks. There will be fourteen people in Moshi this year working with the kids at Mailisita and on the School and Guesthouse complex.

### **Project Construction Update**

When Stan Taylor and I were here in late February, the slab for the Guesthouse's second floor (really the slab for the first floor since the first floor in Tanzania is called the ground floor) had just been completed. We authorized the architect and Father Augustine to continue to take the structure up to the slab for the second floor.

Progress to date has been *nazuri sana* (excellent in Swahili). The slab for the second floor has been completed and the support beams for the roof are being formed and pored. In talking with the foreman today, he believes that we can start the framing of the roof in late August or September and have the roof on the guesthouse by the end of October. This would be unbelievable progress since we left the construction site in July 2008.

### **School Status and Update**

The first set of four classrooms is complete and one classroom is fully furnished and ready to receive students. The Tanzanian kitchen to prepare a hot lunch for the children has been constructed. To complete the kitchen a wood burning stove has been ordered for delivery in September. The conversion of a work site tool storage shed into a kitchen worked as planned when Stan and I discussed it with the architect in February. The carpenters on site did a nice job on Tanzanian kitchen conversion.

The paperwork for opening the school continues to wind its way through the Tanzanian bureaucratic process. All the paperwork for opening the school has been filed with the local and regional authorities. Our paperwork has been sent to the Secretary of Education's office in Dar es Salaam. Father Patrick has made a trip to Dar es Salaam to expedite the process. As of today the feedback has been positive and we believe that we will be able to meet most of the government's requests for minor modifications to the documentation and legal structure of the project. Everything appears on track for a January 2010 opening of the classroom building.

### **Kids Program Update**

Susanne Taylor is heading up the children's program next week at Mailisita Parrish kindergarten. This kindergarten program at the Parrish is the feeder program for the school we are building. Susanne will incorporate a note or two next week to keep you updated on the fun filled activities and experiences with the children.

## Plan Now for the 2010 Trip

Plan now to join us next year on the trip to work on the school/guesthouse complex and with our first graders comfortably using our first classrooms. Right now I can see us doing significant site work on perimeter fencing, playground expansion/construction and landscaping/environmental work on the construction site. Painting and finishing work should be started in the guesthouse for those looking for an inside job. We will have the kids at the school and the kindergarten at the Parrish to work with again next summer. The one thing we have in abundance is children needing our help.

I look forward to continuing this dialogue next week from the community of Mailisita Parrish.

Kwaheri (Good Bye) from Moshi/Mailisita  
Nathan Partain



Guesthouse Construction as of 7/9/2006

The ground floor will have a kitchen, dining room, and front desk area.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> floor will have 14 guest rooms to earn \$ for food and teachers' salaries.  
What looks like a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is to be an open but covered pavilion-style roof top area.