



## NEW BEGINNINGS 2022

as the borders have opened!

We are Planning the next trip to Tanzania late in September , read on to see our plans.



### Difficulties in Dawar

Much of Northern Tanzania receive 'Short Rains' in November and then they receive 'Long Rains' starting March through to about May. The crops planted in November failed, and in this area it often means the long rains might fail as well.

But

Thanks to those who prayed for rain! We are really glad that the long rains did come and have been good so the beans and maize are growing well.



### Storm Damage to the new Church/School

In Dawar we have helped fund a very needed multipurpose building ( church school and meeting place) . It wasn't long before the roof was on that it blew off again with very heavy storms in the area. It really has been 'one-thing-after-another' in our project at this special village.

Polycarp ( our administrator ) has an assistant at the village, Meshack.

Meshack has now finished all the repairs to the roof of the Church and Polycarp has brought up a lot of trees to plant around the school that, in time, will provide some protection, and also lots of good shade.



### Looking Ahead

In line with our plans to integrate our farming program into Agape College we have some objectives for this year :

1. Develop\_an\_Agricultural\_Improvement\_Course to be integrated into the college curriculum. This would equip the pastors with a great tool to engage with the communities in which they are serving. So that revival can bring real transformation to their villages. When one comes from the outside to a place like Tanzania, you see hard working people, but you also see an incredible lack of stewardship in every area. It is the biblical worldview that brings a vision of a better future and a strategic, intentional approach to life and work that begins to bring change and prosperity to the whole community. So the role of the local churches is absolutely pivotal in any sustainable development, and it is vital for the spiritual leaders of the community to be engaged in that happening their communities, including the farming. This will include Foundations for Farming which is an excellent Conservation Agriculture course from Zimbabwe.
2. Move\_our\_Workshop\_to\_Agape\_in\_Tengeru... This will enable the workshop to be used all year round and give the students who are interested to be given basic mechanical and fabrication skills.
3. Build\_3\_small\_trailers\_and\_3\_small\_boom\_sprayers. These are to support the three 2-wheel tractors we have in operation.



### Prayer and support from the local Pastors

Isaiah says, 'the Lord shall bring again Zion, when the watchmen shall see 'eye-to-eye'. Also Psalm 133 clearly tells us the importance of unity among God's people, that He will 'command a blessing' where the brethren dwell together in unity. Among the pastors was Pastor Siasi, who is a local bishop and a very good friend of ours. He worked with Mike, hosting pastors seminars for many years, and has been invaluable in pastoring our farmers group through difficulties.

When men of faith like this pray together, heaven is moved, and great things happen!

Photo:

Pastor Siasi,(Red jacket), Pastor Matthew (white shirt) and Polycarp (black jacket)



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