

Matongoro Update October 2020

St Stephen's, Tonbridge – Tearfund CCMP



Rev Canon Jackson and Erasto, who run CCMP, in the 10 communities around Matongoro to the north of Mpwapwa Diocese in Tanzania send their greetings! Praise God that Jackson's wife seems to be in remission from liver cancer.

The autumn heat is now building up in the central highlands. The land is dry and dusty. There have only been a few cases of Covid-19 in the Diocese - and there have been no reported cases in our link communities.

Bishop Jacob sends his thanks to everyone at St Stephen's who has given so generously to help Mpwapwa Diocese repay their bank loan for the income generating buildings purchased in 2018.

Please pray for

Bishop Jacob, expecting to confirm 3,000 by November, and the Diocesan Synod is taking place 22-25 October, culminating in the annual Ordination Service at the Cathedral.

Rev Canon Jackson and Erasto as they teach, mentor and encourage the pastors and facilitators for CCMP

Rain in due season (usually late Oct, early Nov) so that the ground can be prepared for sowing.

Tanzania General and Presidential **Elections** on Wednesday 28th October.



One of many "Pamoja" Groups who meet to read the Bible, learn about CCMP and encourage one another in income generating projects. Groups are taught to run micro-finance, enabling members to borrow small amounts for school fees, health insurance and projects.



CCMP Co-ordinator, Rev Canon Jackson, teaches several new pastors in CCMP.



Matongoro Primary School

The community of Matongoro has been building 4 new classrooms and an office for the school. With help from St Stephen's 2 classrooms were roofed last year. Windows and doors were installed recently with funds raised locally. Hopefully these new classrooms will be fully used when the new school year starts in January.

Irrigation

The Rural Dean and Vicar at Mkoka and his wife who have bought an irrigation pump to help water their crops. Just one example of projects inspired through CCMP training.

Another community has plans to extend a local waterhole so that both the church and community might use it for irrigation purposes.



Chinangali

When we first visited in 2017, just the walls had been built of their new church. With motivation and empowerment from CCMP the roof has just been installed. A huge expense, but together the community have done it! And they purchased the wood and roof materials from Mkoka church, another of our CCMP link communities.

Zoisa

And again, when Rev Mark Barker, Sarah Brown visited the community with us in 2017, just the foundations had been built for their new church.

The congregation was growing fast and the original church was simply proving too small.

The old building will be used for youth and children's activities once the new church is complete. This has all been achieved by the whole community working together as they learn to recognize the resources God has given.



Please contact Sylvie and Stephen Barbor through the church office if you want to find out any more.