



March 2018

Dear BREAD supporters,

A lot has happened in Berega since we wrote to you at the end of last year. (And we have spent quite a lot of your money!)

Here is a quick update about the two main institutions that have most “been in the news”. They are the hospital (where unfortunately not much has changed) and the Primary School (where a lot has happened).

The hospital

The Government are still not paying salaries and have taken away about 10 doctors and nurses from Berega to work in Government hospitals. This means that the remaining staff are having to work very hard. As you can imagine, more work and only subsistence pay is not a very exciting combination.

The new Community Health Fund is bringing in more patients to the hospital but the funds to pay their bills are already running low. This means that the hospital is hardly receiving any income at all. (The School of Nursing now makes profits and these go to help the hospital.)

BREAD have paid for several orders of medicines, and at Christmas sent some extra money to be used by staff. This only keeps things going, and doesn't help the long-term problem, but we feel we should do this while we can. A hospital without medicines is not a lot of use.

The meeting of the Tanzanian RC and Anglican Bishops with the Minister of Health, that we mentioned last time, has been postponed twice and has still not taken place. This doesn't bode well for an early end to this really difficult situation.

The Primary School

You will recall that the school is still not formally registered at the Ministry of Education. During the period December to January the school has been visited by many Inspectors: from the Kilosa District, the Morogoro Region, and the National Inspectorate.

The school were told to build three new classrooms and this has now been done. They were also told to do several other quite difficult and expensive things.



The new classrooms are on the right of the picture. They were not quite finished at this time. The new toilets paid for by BREAD can also be seen at the front.

Ruth Mgego, the School Administrator has managed this process well. She is keeping us up-to-date and, at the time of writing, she is almost there with all the approvals needed. That said, we still await the final confirmation!

BREAD have provided quite a lot of funds for the various projects that needed doing. We have also sponsored the group of 12 children that needed their fees paying. (Sponsors will have received more details about these payments.)

Summer visit

Finally, can we tell you that about 20 people are joining a working party this summer – helping with a number of building projects at the Primary School, the School of Nursing, and the Orphanage.

We will write again later in the year. As usual, we end with a list of contact addresses.

The following email address goes to both Gary Mann (Chairman) & Mike Mytton (Treasurer):
contact@bread-trust.org.uk

If you want to write to David & Anne Curnock, who have sent out this Newsletter, then their address is:

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Their email is: dcurnock@doctors.org.uk

David and Anne are also responsible for running the sponsorship scheme.

The Secretary / Treasurer's address is:

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BREAD policies and procedures

The new **data protection** rules come into force in May this year. We are just getting to grips with them. In the mean-time can we just say that we have a spreadsheet which contains the names and addresses of all our supporters. This is held by Mike Mytton and by David and Anne Curnock who send out the Newsletter. We have never passed these addresses to anyone else and will not do so in future. We also have a file of Gift Aid Declarations which is held by Mike. If you want to be removed from the list, then please do tell us.

Safeguarding has become an issue for charities working abroad in recent months. Before the next visit to Berega we will have in place a policy with regards to this, and all visitors will be asked to agree to it before they go.

Your money: We want to reiterate that all the money that we receive goes to Tanzania. The only exception are the bank charges we accrue when sending money. This is our only administrative expense.

Thank you again for helping us. Although things are difficult in Berega right now, we feel we are doing quite a lot of good things. Do pray for the staff and the managers of the various organisations that we support. They have a very difficult job.