

Simba Clay

The year went ahead of us was an year of blessing in the life of Simba Clay and all its members. There were many areas where we experienced the special care and protection of the Lord.

By the beginning of the year 2010 we had 15 students of which 10 were new students and the rest were old ones. We also had a good start with good rain and very good climatic conditions. Something special of this batch is that all the students are totally blind except one. All these students are very much interested in learning the pottery works and they spent even extra time in learning. They all are religious minded and some of them are members of the parish church choir.

Some of the major incidents took place during the past year are:

1. The total number of students reached up to 15, out of which 4 are albinos. We also sent four students to the secondary school for the blind in Shinyanga Region. It was their great desire to continue with secondary schooling too.
2. There was an improvement in the production of water filters, bricks, flower pots and other products. We could make a better income this year though it was not enough to meet all our expenses. There were few agencies too came forward to buy the water filters to support the villages by providing clean water.
3. We also made a new Kiln and new tanks for the Simba Clay.
4. The collection of clay was another important event. Since the village people believed that we are coming to take clay for collecting Gold from it, we had a very tough time to make them to understand that it was for helping the blind. Later we took them to Simba Clay and they were convinced of it, though it took some extra expense.
5. There was the baptism of two of our Albino Girls together with 10 of our boys at SFS Children's Home in the month of November. The students of Simba Clay sung on that day and it was a vey wonderful experience for us.
6. We got two more new teachers and a matron for staying with the students always. They students were so happy to have a new mother in the form of a matron.
7. We also had a volunteer from Germany ,Gregory, a secondary school leaver, to stay with us for few months. His presents brought more vitality in the life of the students.
8. We also had visit from few important visitors like Mr. Werner, Fr. Thomas , mama Gabi etc.

There were also certain uncertainties and confusions due to unavoidable situations. But the grace of God was with us always and all the programmes went on very well.

Some of the important things which are to done this year is to build a new tank for preserving clay, look for some fund which will help us to give out the water filters at a discount rate to the poor people at the neighboring villages. It is also one of our main concern to find some resources to support the daily running of Simba clay.