



Some old pictures  
 Steve Vinton, December 18, 2007

We received this past week a DVD from a friend of ours in the neighboring country of Malawi. He had filmed the sermon that I preached and the presentation that I made when Godfrey and I visited that country back in October! Godfrey, Emmanueli and Joshua watched it together, and I enjoyed walking in on their conversation afterwards, hearing Joshua say that he knew he'd never be able to preach like his father, and both Godfrey and Emmanueli calling him mdogo (little brother) and protesting that they used to be afraid to speak as well but that learned by listening and watching me and that he would indeed learn the same way. It was good to see Josh smile.

We have from the beginning here in Tanzania made it a point to keep our focus on the future, to continually make plans for expansion, to make what is ahead of us our priority. And so watching that DVD made us think to the future of what God might be leading us to do in Malawi. But watching that DVD also sent our thoughts, quite surprisingly, back to the past. And for the last couple of hours Godfrey, Emmanueli and I have been enjoying looking at the past. Watching that DVD started us on a long conversation as we traded remembrances of how it all got started here in Tanzania in January 2005, and then we spent hours

reading through the old email updates that I had sent out in 2005, but the best of all was when we looked at the pictures that Godfrey and Emmanueli had taken in the first couple of months of 2005 when we first started out. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this collection of pictures is valuable indeed.

Some of you were a part of all of this in 2005 when we launched this work and you've already seen these pictures. But we invite you to take a trip down memory lane with us and to look at them again. Many of you have joined us in 2006 and 2007. We invite you all as well to enjoy these pictures with us. And to accept our thanks to those of you who have over these years invested many, many hours in prayer, who have given extremely generously, and who either have come yourselves or helped someone else make the journey here to Tanzania to teach with us. If you have any trouble with these links, just go to the website [www.villageschools.org](http://www.villageschools.org) and have a look around and you'll find these pictures as well as all of those email updates we've been enjoying reading and re-reading. Hope it's fun for you too. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and may you know that we are thankful for your partnership with us. 2008 is going to be a great year. But for a few moments, let's look back **together** to 2005!

<b>PICTURES FROM STEVE'S FIRST TRIP TO TANZANIA (JANUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 18, 2005)</b>			
<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania January 25, 2005</a>	<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania February 1, 2005</a>	<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania February 8, 2005</a>	<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania February 17, 2005</a>
<b>PICTURES FROM STEVE'S SECOND TRIP TO TANZANIA (APRIL 6 – MAY 16, 2005)</b>			
<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania April 19, 2005</a>	<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania April 26, 2005</a>	<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania May 3, 2005</a>	<a href="#">Pictures from Tanzania May 10, 2005</a>