

“...that the message of the Lord may spread...”

2 Thes. 3:1



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Missionaries to Tanzania



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“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of our God.” (Psalm 20:7)

### We've come this far by faith!

It has been more than three weeks since we sent our last newsletter about our new assignment to Tanzania. We are so anxious to report to our new assignment, but we have a mountain before us that we are asking God to remove for us. You all know the mountain I am talking about, the mountain of raising support for our ministry in the face of economic crisis. From the beginning it seems to us that raising funds for our ministry will be an impossible task. We kept praying and yet still had doubt. However, this was the challenge we received from the word of God. “...*Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.*” Matt. 17:20

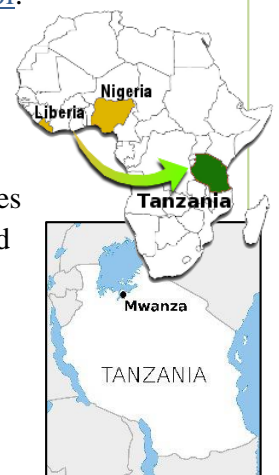
This has been our consolation in our task of preparation and planning. One encouraging thing in this time of preparations for deployment is our quiet time in the presence of the Lord. It has become a normal routine for the past three weeks and we have seen how God has been faithful to us. I wrote more about this on my blog which you can see at: [www.globallutheranoutreach.com/blog/gbeanquoi](http://www.globallutheranoutreach.com/blog/gbeanquoi).

### Our Work in Tanzania

I think it is important that we explain to you the importance and urgency of our ministry to Tanzania to give you a picture of why we need to urgently raise funds.

I Dixon will be working with two communities in Mwanza to grow existing churches that have no pastors (in Kesesa and Usagala). I will serve as their pastor and help spread the Gospel to the surrounding communities. From my visit to Tanzania I noticed the church is more influential in the urban communities and these rural churches feel they are cut off from the mother church. Before they are visited by the bishop or other officials from the mother church, it will be sometimes once in two years. This is not a deliberate act on the part of the officials; it is due to their busy schedules and lack of man-power to meet the growing need. As a trained church planter and evangelist it will be my responsibility to train and mentor more workers who will help in the day-to-day expansion of the church. More so, I will help believers to see evangelism not just as work for a pastor, but as a responsibility of every Christian to share their faith. Finally, it will be my responsibility to grow these churches and make them self-sustaining.

Christiana as a trained and certified Nigerian government teacher will be responsible to develop existing schools within the diocese. For now there is a school that the diocese is building and they are hoping it will be completed and students will start very soon. She will be responsible for all schools within the diocese and will work both with those in the diocese and in the government in suggesting ways the schools can meet up with government standards. With her seven years experience and degree in education, she hopes to help in the training and developing of quality teachers and providing quality curriculum that is Christian and recognized by the government.



## Thankfulness

We are thankful to God that last month was a wonderful month for us. We started with quiet time in the presence of the Lord asking Him to help us and lead us to potential supporters for our ministry. It was a refreshing time and a discipline for us, waking up early in the morning to seek the face of the Lord and ask for His direction. We are seeing great changes in our spiritual lives, drawing closer to God by the day. We are grateful to God that in the last month we were able to raise 20% of our funding. For us this is indeed a miracle, and we do believe that God will complete what He has started, *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ."* (Phil. 1:6)



Last month Christiana finally told her students good bye as they prepare for the long vacation. It was a wonderful sight as many of the students were eager to have photo shots with her. I (Dixon) was the camera man and saw how the kids were sharing tears to know they will not be seeing their teacher any time soon. She is thankful to God for the opportunity to impact the lives of these young and upcoming future leaders, even though she has not been paid for the past five months.

## Our Challenges

We are still committed to raising the remaining 80% needed to deploy and ask that you join us in meeting this task. It is not easy here in Africa with so much corruption, insecurity and instability. It has been difficult to get people who will commit to support us on a long term basis. Most of the people don't even know whether their jobs will last till the next day, month or year. This is the kind of continent we find ourselves in. This is the more reason we are asking well-meaning friends outside Africa to help us meet our target and commit to along term partnership.

## Urgent Prayer Request

We know most of you have heard about this Ebola virus killing people in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Up till now it has no cure and kills up to 90% of those infected. I (Dixon) am from Liberia and know what they are experiencing as my family is there. Everything has come to a standstill in these countries that just came out of civil war. My mother had a slight fever but refused to go for treatment because she was afraid people would think it's the Ebola virus. Please let us pray for these countries and ask God to provide a solution. *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* (2 Chr. 7:14)

Please also  
pray for...

- my (Dixon's) mother who lost her sister.
- God to give us the strength to continue to meet in His presence each day.
- more prayer partners and supporters for our ministry.
- those who have been a blessing to our ministry so far.
- the East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania as they celebrate their Silver Jubilee this month.

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