

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

2 Thes. 3:1



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Missionaries to Tanzania

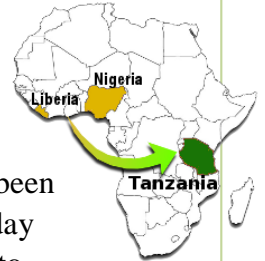


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“Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever.” (Isaiah 60:21)

A difficult farewell...

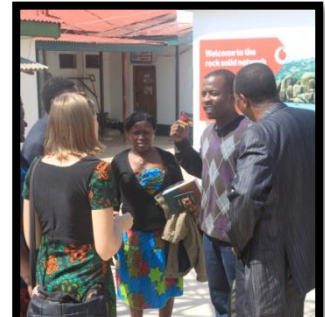
Coming to Tanzania was not an easy thing for us. It was a preparation we started since 2012. We had been praying and preparing and knew that God was one day going to bring this to fruition. But saying good-bye to family and friends with hugs and kisses at the airport was not easy. Our flight was a 22hrs flight from Abuja to Addis Ababa to Nairobi to Kilimanjaro and finally to Mwanza. When we got to Nairobi we were given the sad news that all our bags we checked in at Abuja did not make it on the plane and we couldn't wait for them to arrive, if indeed they would arrive that same day. Our flight from Nairobi to Mwanza took



more than what we expected with a 2-hour delay in Kilimanjaro.

...a happy arrival!

However, we finally got to our destination (Mwanza) 3 hours late. We were very exhausted and to our surprise we were met with at the airport in Mwanza with GLO Missionaries, Eric and Linda Funkes, the Bishop of the Diocese, his wife and the General Secretary of the diocese. It was a really warm welcome and we felt like we were already at home!



It took us another three days before 4 of our 5 luggage arrived in Mwanza. Sad enough the most expensive of all the luggage (with all Christy's clothes and most of our medications) did not arrive and we haven't gotten any positive response from the airline. We pray that we can resolve this peacefully.

Upon returning to Mwanza, we were taken to the area in which we will be working for the next two(2) or more years. Although, we are to work in Kesesa, the church got a house for us in Igoma, which is about 15mins or less drive from our house to the church. We were given a two(2) bedroom house located in a compound of two houses with four(2) two bedroom flat each. Upon



moving into our new house, the landlord decided to put a bricks fence around the entire compound for our safety. We were told by the neighbors that sometimes they experience thefts.



Last week we were able to visit the church where I (Dixon) will be serving as pastor and the members were glad to have us. We thank God that we had a wonderful reception and there was a lot of questions and answers time with the elders who wanted to know how long we will serve as their pastor or how long we will stay in Tanzania. We were able to answer a lot of their questions and we all agree to work together and grow the church and share the love of Christ within the village and its surroundings.



Much to learn

Today we finally get to begin our Swahili classes (five(5) hours a week) and our neighbor has agreed to help us also in our language learning process. He will take us through a one hour a day language learning with his family. We have also made arrangements with our neighbor who will be bringing a Swahili teacher for us, who will offer a class for us for the next two months after our one month with the school at a cheaper price than the school.

We are glad that God has brought us to Mwanza, Igoma and Kesesa in particular and we are happy that God has brought many loving and caring Christians our way.



Prayer Requests

- for my wife who is carrying our baby (now 21 weeks). We were able to get a good doctor and hospital who will deliver the baby when it is due. Pray that God will give her strength each day as she carries the baby.
- for our missing luggage, that God will locate it and bring it to us. We have so many valuable things in it necessary for our stay in Mwanza and we don't think that, even if the airline decide to pay for it, we can get those things in Mwanza. We are still believing that our luggage will be located and brought to us.
- for us as we begin our intensive language learning process for the next three(3) months, and that God will give us the strength to adapt to the culture and people of Tanzania .
- that we will be able to cope with the challenge of transportation. Transportation is a very big challenge for us and especially Christy who is carrying a baby. Sometimes you will have to stand in a bus far more than expected just to get to your destination and getting a taxi is very expensive for us. This will be a very difficult situation when we begin our work in earnest. Pray that God will raise support to get a car in the near future to ease our work in Mwanza.

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