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Tales of Tanzania

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Prayer Praises and Requests

- * Thanks for God's blessings and calling me to serve His people in Tanzania.
- Thanks for safe travels by car from Iringa to Mwadui.
- * Thanks for all of you, my partners who are praying, encouraging, and financially providing for me and this mission.
- Ask that God will continue to inspire people to partner with my ministry through prayer and funding.
- * Safekeeping and good health for all of us during this COVID-19 pandemic.
- * Pray that the Lord give good government throughout the world so that the Gospel of Christ's cross may be preached without obstacle or persecution.

Arrival and Settling into Mwadui, Tanzani

"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:1-2. ESV

Holy Week. Passion Week. Hosanna Week. The final week before Easter, the culmination of the love of God for us. "Lord Jesus Christ, sprinkle us with Your blood and fill us with Your Spirit, that through You we may offer acceptable worship to the Father. Amen." (The Lutheran Study Bible Note on Hebrews 12:18-29.)

After my last Aggie Class of '74 Reunion, a dear friend sent me a book entitled "Kisses from Katie." I was encouraged by this story of a very young girl's reckless abandon to journey and sacrificially follow God's call into service to Him and His people. Your prayers, encouragement, friendship, generosity and personal sacrifices remind me that my service here is possible.

Mwadui, now my home, is a quiet area of about 24,000 people according to the 2016 census. Founded in the 1970's as a diamond mining compound which continues to provide work for the families living here. Pictured below is a monument of the founder, John Williamson. The lovely tree is a Baobab, magnificent to see and is known as the Tree of Life because it stores life-saving water in its roots and branches.





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Financial Update

In my first year I estimated \$54,373 for first year expenses. As of March 31 I have received **\$62,792** in cash and pledges. How God has blessed me through you! The second-year expenses are estimated at **\$48,373**. To complete the two-year commitment, I still need **\$39,954**.

How to Give

Make checks out to "Global Lutheran Outreach" with "Kruckemeyer" in the memo line.

Mail to Global Lutheran Outreach 6709 Ficus Dr., Miramar, FL 33023

Online giving and automatic withdrawal are available at my website:

www.GlobalLutheranOutreach.co m/blog/Kruckemeyer

All donations are tax-deductible.

Contact Information

If you know anyone wanting to stay abreast of my mission, feel free to send me their email address.

Also, while away, I still want to pray for you. Please keep me informed of any personal prayer requests.

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Good Plans

Thanks to your prayers, my Swahili learning continues with Madam Loyce, my new tutor. This global isolation is uncomfortable for us all. May we have ear to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to the "Church in these days. (Mark 4:23, Rev. 2:29, Rev. 3:22)



Walking along the dirt paths is a daily routine. I am blessed by the friendly people and curious children greeting me along the way, some even stopping to speak for a little while. Rev. Nzelu, my neighbor, and headmaster of the school, has a farm nearby where his family grows corn, peanuts, and other crops, along with livestock that provides daily milk supply. Our yards share a common fence and provide space for the corn and peanuts to dry and be stored. His children and students enjoy working vigorously together each day, so I get to enjoy the vibrant activity in my backyard.

These are strange and trying times, but a time that God is demonstrating His Sovereign and trustworthy control. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds me of His plan for believers, a good plan that leads us to everlasting life.

Thank you, Gloria, for your gift, "Kisses from Katie." And to all, your love, gifts and prayers are precious to me.





Pictures above were taken during our drive from Iringa to Mwadui. Tanzania is beautiful, primitive, and filled with beautiful, loving people living a culture of helping neighbors, friends and families.