



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 all of you, my partners who are praying, encouraging, and financially providing for me and this mission.
- * For the Funke family: thanks for the location of a home in Texas and requests for continued improvement of Linda's physical health and emotional peace.
- * 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.
- * Safe journeys through the wilderness.

Above Our Understanding

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you." Psalm 32:8

Have we been thrown into the Wilderness? The familiar stripped away. Fear? Unpredictability? Uncertainty? It's a wild environment. So it is here in Tanzania.

Most people who have visited Mwadui would describe this village very differently. Life here appears methodical, simple, routine. Sunrises at 7 a.m. and sunsets at 7 p.m. every day. Alarms sound for workers to begin work at the diamond mine, to break for lunch, to return to work until dismissed for the day. Foot traffic, bicycles, motorcycles and a few cars travel slowly along the dusty, potted roads. Every morning, shepherds guide their cattle and goats to pastures and return in the late afternoon. Schools are closed, soccer fields are empty, children are restricted to their homes and yards, and now many people are wearing the protective masks. Security guards attempt to keep the residents safe with increased restrictions for entry into Mwadui now.



In early April, the United States government announced \$1 million financial assistance for Tanzania to intensify interventions against the Covid-19 pandemic. Most recent reports on Covid-19 in Tanzania show a total of 480 cases, 16 deaths, and conflicting reports from Tanzanian President stating over 100 recoveries and the Health Ministry (TZ) reporting 37.

Pandemic in Tanzania

Financial Update

The first year is fully funded. I committed to two years here in Mwadui. I understand the financial strains on many due to the pandemic, but if you are able and so called, your continued financial support is greatly appreciated. I plan to sponsor students who cannot afford the fees for Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School. If you are interested in doing the same, please email or text me at 817.266.7224. (email given below)

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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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Tanzanian President John Magufuli said on Sunday, that during talks with Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina, an organic concoction is believed to be curing Covid-19 patients. Tanzanian President is sending a plane to bring this medicine named Covid Organics (CVO)—a form of herbal tea—to Tanzania. Madagascar has 128 confirmed Covid-19 cases, 82 recoveries with no deaths. Three additional countries, Senegal, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Guinea Bissau have inquired of the details about the CVO, and it is reported that Senegal has made an order. In 52 out of 54 African countries, there are 33,566 coronavirus cases, 1,469 deaths, and 10,152 recoveries, according to the African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Our God is not a tame God, and He puts us in wild places. Why? Knowing He is also a jealous God, maybe He desires more of us, more of our time, conversation, devotion, and preparation for what's to come. Time to grow, mature, and know Him.

Three months ago, I set foot in Tanzania eager to follow my Lord into this wilderness of unknowns for me. Having a plan in mind, still knowing the Lord would show me His way, I plunged wholeheartedly into learning the language, Kiswahili. I am still working on improving my conversation skills and am finally comfortable practicing the language with the people here.

April was a period of reticent observation, Swahili study, and many hours in His Word. Although Easter brought its normal emotional solace, I did long for traditional congregational celebrations, trumpets, organs, and the joyful fellowship. However, participating in numerous Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday online services was a tremendous blessing. And loving messages from many of you stripped away all feelings of aloneness.

May promises to be more fruitful. I am preparing lessons for weekly Bible Study with some wonderful ladies of South Africa who are hungry for God's Word. I look forward to diving into scripture with them. Reverend Nzelu has asked me to lead group sessions with adolescent girls, discussing career goals, educational needs, life challenges, faith and lifestyles. I eagerly anticipate these conversations. I have also had opportunities to individually counsel students who courageously introduced themselves to me and then sought advice for their personal relationships.



Beautiful ladies of South Africa.



A young Tanzanian mother and her child, Madam Loyce showing off her sweet apartment after serving me my first taste of ugali, the primary dish here. Children sweeping the dirt in their front yard, a daily chore.

Adventure awaits you, if fear does not hold you back. Fear highlights every thought that does not agree with God. But fear cannot torment the one who is fully convinced of God's love. You are no longer afraid of what you cannot see or understand because you're convinced He loves to take care of you. The darkness of fear is repelled by the brilliant glory that shines within you when His love becomes your confidence. These words are excerpted from "The Divine Romance" 365 Days Meditating on the Song of Songs, given me by my daughter, Athena. I cherish these gifts of love...the book from my daughter, and my daughter, a gift from God.

Martin Luther wrote that lack of understanding is real understanding; not knowing where you are going is really knowing where you are going. . . . allowing God to lead us as blind people. I am thankful God has placed me in a wild place, a place that draws me closer to

Him, increases my dependence on Him, and vividly displays His love for me and all His people. He does not give me a sense of fear, uncertainty, or unpredictability because I surrender to His understanding. I am so excited to see where he leads me and how He uses me among His people. I know it will be a wild journey!

Pictured below are the girls in my newly formed mentoring group. I am so excited to spend time with them daily to discuss careers, challenges, fears, and relationships with Jesus Christ. This week we will spend time on fear—overcoming fears through the love of Jesus Christ. Other pictures are snapshots around Mwadui, landscapes and small farms with crops of ugali, banana trees, corn and sunflowers. Corn and sunflowers are out of season now.

