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## PRAYERS TO GOD

If there is one thing, we have learned while living in Tanzania is dependence on God through the power of prayer. Life in Tanzania can be very random and unexpected. Some days, well most days, we wake up with a free schedule and pray for God to fill our schedules with people to love and things to do to be the hands and feet of Jesus. And the amazing thing is, He does just that every time. So we will continue to be available and humble ourselves in prayer and He will continue to answer. This past month there have been many moments that we have had to give over to God in prayer and we have, also, asked you to be in prayer for many of these moments. And we are beginning to see how God is answering these prayers and getting a glimpse at His heart for us.

Months before we traveled to America, we began praying over the trip and over the dinner auction we would host towards the end of our visit. We went before God asking that all our efforts be fruitful and show the work of God in Tanzania. And WOW did God do that and so much more. It was amazing to see the constant support of our friends, families, and churches the entire time we were in Texas. As for the auction here are some of the highlights – all the services and most items were donations, over 150 people attended, an incredible financial amount was raised for our ministry in Tanzania, and it was such a fun evening! Through all of this, we are seeing Ephesians 3:20 come to life. “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”



The décor of our auction dinner. What a beautiful evening it was! We are so thankful for everyone who made it all possible and for everyone who came out to support us.

As we traveled back to our home in Tanzania, our anxieties rose and the heart ache of telling our families “see you later” once again felt like more than we could handle. But many people were covering us in prayer and they were indeed felt as we traveled and transitioned into our African life again. “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16b) View our most recent video on our visit in America at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Son\\_-EmlUFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Son_-EmlUFo). :)

Throughout most of our time here in Tanzania, we have been praying for God to use us here in Tanzania. And as you probably know, we have especially been praying over our government letter to allow us to work in Buhangija. Once we arrived in Shinyanga, we heard of some new developments in the letter front. The answer to our prayer for progress on our letter definitely did not look like we expected but we know that God is at work in new ways that we can't even begin to foresee. While we are still waiting for the letter, our days continue to be filled with things only God could arrange. Even as we write this now, we are on our way to a debate on albinism and the Gospel with witch doctors/traditional healers hosted by the Lutheran Church. What an amazing opportunity to be apart of! *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own*

*understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)*



We were able to meet and go around town with a mission team from Christ the King in Memphis, TN. Here they are presenting a gift of soccer balls to Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School and teaching them a brief lesson on the Holy Spirit.



Later in the day, we joined the team for a quick visit to Buhangija to distribute some hats, sunglasses, beans, and rice. It touched our hearts to see all of the beautiful children and the efforts of the mission team!



Heading to Bariadi with some Lutheran church workers for the debate on albinism with the local witch doctors/traditional healers.



Here are some of the church workers and traditional healers that attended the debate on albinism awareness.



After the debate, there was a football match between the Lutheran church and the traditional healers. Austin was so excited to be invited to play in the game.

## Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for you and your continued prayers, for answered prayers, for all the support we have received, for a safe trip home to Tanzania, for Linda and Eric Funke picking us up from the airport and driving us to Shinyanga, and for workers of the Lutheran Church in Shinyanga as they continue to help us and work very hard in Tanzania.
- Please continue to pray over our letter to work in Buhangija and for the government here.
- Safe travels to Bariadi this week and next as we participate in albinism awareness and evangelism.

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