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LITTLE MOMENTS

Here in Tanzania, every moment of our days are not full of spectacular experiences. Many days are filled with mundane activities, which we choose to see God in and continue to connect with the people He has put in front of us. But there are little moments scattered throughout our weeks, often spontaneous and unexpected, which are life changing. These are the moments that we always want to remember!

Always remember, looking around the crowd of children, most with albinism but some who are deaf or blind, and feeling such a strong pull of compassion that it brought tears to your eyes. Oh how you wished you could tell every little girl in their raggedy dress just how beautiful they are and every little boy with their bare feet just how brave they are. Maybe one day I will get the chance, but for now I will kneel down and tell just one, one at a time.



Always remember, walking on the red dirt road that led out into the villages and not knowing what to expect as we approach each mud brick house to tell them the Good News of what Jesus has done for them. At one particular home, as the team and I sit in the seats the family had so kindly provided for us, a young mother brings out her baby and puts the child that has been in the world for only five days right into my arms. I just gazed into her eyes and prayed that she would see how much her creator knows, loves, and cares for her. Then I grab a translator to help

me tell the mother that God has created her baby for a great purpose. The mother smiles down at the sleeping baby.

Always remember, the nervousness that turned to complete joy as you told the young ladies with albinism on International Albinism Awareness Day how they have been wonderfully and fearfully made by the God in Heaven from Psalm 139:13-14. A loud shout of "Amen" resounded in the room.

Then getting the opportunity to gift them some jewelry the American Lutheran mission team had left for them. The ladies eagerly got up to choose the piece that best fit their personality. As I clasped the necklaces on them one by one, I could hear their squeals of joy. When I looked up, I saw nothing but smiles and dancing happening all around the room. How special they must have felt in that moment.



Always remember, driving down the rough roads to pick up our first puppy, Poa. At just 2 months old and about 3 pounds, she is so playful and chipper. She often gives us puppy kisses, nibbles, and cuddles. In two short weeks, she has already stolen our hearts.

No matter what God has planned for each day, we choose to cherish and treasure all our time here. We will always thank God for every big adventure and little moment alike.

(For cute puppy videos and road trip adventures, watch our latest video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrqRPrYxdBw>. :)

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Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for our new puppy Poa, for all the opportunities God provided this month, & for safe travels to Bariadi and Mwanza.
- Safe travels for my Internship Supervisor and his family as he travels to Tanzania this upcoming month.
- Continued progress on our letter to work in Buhangija.