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GOD'S WORK IN TANZANIA



In our last newsletter, we introduced Buhangija Centre, a government-run safe house for kids with albinism. But recently, the teenagers and young adults with albinism that lived at Buhangija Centre were told that they could no longer live there. In response to this the Lutheran Church in Tanzania and a young missionary couple began two different vocational programs for the teenagers. In addition to working at Buhangija Centre, Austin and I will be helping to serve these new programs however is needed. Here is a little bit more about these programs.

"The Deaconess' Program" is a program started by the Deaconess of the local Tanzania Lutheran church to teach young albino women different life and vocational skills to help them in becoming independent parts of the community. They have taught them how to sew and to sell the clothes they are making to the community. They also being taught how to make their own sunscreen and medicines to help with their skin. They are currently working on even having some of these young women come back and teach the new classes the skills they have already learned. It is a great program that has women mentoring women, who are albino, in not only living but thriving in their day-to-day lives.

Claire and Mike Fedele from the U.S.A. started SHADE to equip the young adults as well as provide safety and education. They have "dorms" for them to sleep and live in, provide food, water, vocational and health classes, teach entrepreneurship skills, and how to grow their own food. Right now, the teenagers are learning how to make soap and colored cloth to sell in the community. While we were in Tanzania, Ezra, a Tanzanian that works for SHADE, told us that if the people with albinism can make an impact in their communities then the communities will be more willing to stick up for them. So not only does teaching them vocational skills help them to support themselves but is also provides them with a community that they can live in and feel safe in. The goal of SHADE is to be unified in the love of Christ, moving forward with the vision, and interceding for change here in Tanzania.

This Month...

We were blessed to visit and present our future mission work to our Community of Hope family on August 13th. It was so good to catch up with people that we had not seen in a long time. We are so thankful for their partnership and the encouragement that they have been to us!

We, also, got word that we will be receiving a financial grant from Trinity Lutheran Klein. We would like to thank the So They Can Go mission at Trinity for blessing us with this grant. This was a huge answer to prayers.

As of August 24th, we packed up and moved down to Houston to be ready to move to Tanzania once our departure goal has been met. Then August 25th, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas. We had no major problems with the hurricane and both our parents homes made it out safe. We truly did feel God's hand this whole week. First, we planned to rent a 15 foot truck but we were given a 20 foot, because the rental company needed to be returned to the Houston area, for the same price. There was plenty of room for us to transport all of our belongings. Then we planned on moving on the Friday but a month before we changed it to that Thursday just because our family could come help that day. Now looking back, if we would have moved on Friday we wouldn't have been able to make it to Houston safely due to all the rain and roads. But we thank God that our plans are not God's plans because the rain began to come down hours after we got everything inside at our new residence. We continue to pray for the city of Houston and for all that were affected by

Hurricane Harvey. We are blessed to get through this disaster safely and we thank God for all these blessings we have received.

We will be presenting at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas this Sunday, September 3rd. If you are in the Austin area, please join us at Redeemer for the 8am, 9:30am, and 10:45am services as well as the 9:30 and 10:45am Bible Study hours.

It was bittersweet to say goodbye to our first home in Austin, TX but we are excited for our next adventure starting in Houston and then in Tanzania.

Support Discovery Spotlight

Our costs are divided into two categories: Out-going and On-going. Last month we took a detailed look at our out-going costs, so this month we will look at our On-going costs. What does it take to live and work in Tanzania on a month-to-month basis? Here's the list:

- Monthly Living Expenses (\$1,375 per month): This covers living expenses for us both such as food, medicine, clothing, cell phone, internet, house help, gasoline, etc. We will need to budget carefully.
- Housing (\$300 per month): This will cover monthly rent, electricity, and water.
- Medical Insurance and Other Expenses (\$2,000 total): This covers any medical needs that may arise and will allow us to be evacuated should we have a medical emergency.
- Missionary Training/Language School (\$2,500 total): This will cover pre-field and on-field training in topics such as specifics in the Tanzanian culture, experiencing culture shock of moving to a completely different country, and daily life logistics of living in Tanzania.
- Field Budget (\$150 per month): This will cover any costs associated with our ministry and projects with the albino population in Tanzania.
- Banking (\$500 total): This will cover international banking transfers and processing fees.
- Other Expenses (\$150 per month): This will cover any miscellaneous expenses that might come up.
- GLO Home Office Support (\$2,870 total): GLO operates on a tithe system, so 10% goes toward covering all the work they do on our behalf. This is a lower percentage than almost any other international nonprofit.

This all equals about \$2,255 a month or \$31,570 for 14 months. We are truly thankful to all who have contributed but we want to highlight and extend our gratitude to those who have agreed to be monthly sponsors. Having that money come in on a regular basis really helps plan for our monthly expenses and ministry.

As of now, we have raised \$28,500 of the \$61,050 we need total for our first year in Tanzania. Before we can leave the U.S., we need \$48,422 in cash and pledges. This means that we need about \$20,000 more to be about to move to Tanzania. **To put this big number in perspective, if 200 people, families, or groups donate \$100 in the month of September we will have met our departure goal and be able to leave for Tanzania. Are you up for the challenge?!**

NEED \$48,500 IN ORDER TO LEAVE.



Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for the finalizing of our Tanzanian work and residence permits as well as a safe move to the Houston area.
- For everyone effected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX.
- For Gods continued blessing and support in the support discovery process and in our lives.

How To Partner With Us Financially:

Make checks out to
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Write "REED" in the memo line.
Mail to **Global Lutheran Outreach**
6709 Ficus Drive,
Miramar, FL, 33023
OR

You can give online using credit or debit card at our website.

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I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)