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THOUGHTS ON SUPPORT DISCOVERY



As many of you know, there has been a big number looming over us for the past couple of months in order to follow God leading us to Shinyanga, Tanzania (see the pictures above) – \$61,000 to be exact. This big number is, honestly, very intimidating. It's true God has always provided and has always had perfect timing in our live thus far, but this is a lot of money. And more than anything, asking people for money is scary! But I want to share some of what I have been learning in this process.

God is ABLE. God has the whole world in His hands, the waves and wind obeys His voice, and He knows what we need before we even ask. He can and will give to us more than we could ever imagine if only we trust Him and wait expectantly. God's provision is faithful day by day and just enough for that day.

Bold praying is POWERFUL. I have begun to pray for the seemly impossible because nothing is ever impossible with God. He delights in giving His children what they ask for. Throughout this process, I have had to give every single thing over to God - my fears, my plans, my worries, my joys. And I have learned the peace that comes from doing this. The size of our prayers should reveal the size of our God.

Enjoy every MIRACLE. As we started to share our story, so many people have been so generous in supporting our ministry. It's really so awesome to see people from all stages and walks of life giving so sacrificially. We have witnessed children, college students, and families that were affected by Hurricane Harvey giving so openhandedly. I want to say a big THANK YOU to all our supporters. Trusting and waiting for God to provide all of our needs in this season has not always been easy. There are some really tough days. However when I admit my weaknesses to my God and open my heart to Him once again, He is quick to cheer me up reminding me that "His grace is sufficient for me (2 Corinthians 12:9) and He's got this." I want to continue to learn to love the hard times because this is when God is able to show off and do what I could never do alone. *Ultimately, this big number didn't catch God by surprise, He has already been stirring hearts to action.*

This Month...

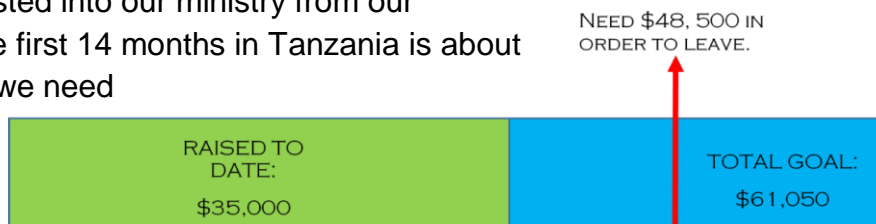
We were able to share our ministry and vision at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, TX. We did an presentation during their Sunday school hour to share about Tanzania, what we will be doing, and to answer their questions. Their congregation has blessed us so richly through their encouragement, prayers, and support. We want to send them our thanks and appreciation!

In effort to prepare ourselves for this big transition, we are currently reading Cross-Cultural Connections: Stepping Out and Fitting In Around The World by Duane Elmer and Fluent in 3 Months: How Anyone at Any Age Can Learn to Speak Any Language from Anywhere in the World by Benny Lewis as recommended by GLO.

We also challenged 200 people to invest \$100 to our ministry. The reason we choose this big number is because once accomplishing this goal we would be able to purchase our plane tickets and move to Tanzania. Currently 70 people have given \$100 or more! Everyday we get closer and closer to our departure goal. We hope to have 100% of our departure goal by next month so that we can begin our journey to Tanzania.

Next Month - We will be leading a presentation during the Bible study hour at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Houston, TX on October 8th. If you want to learn more about living in Tanzania, where we will be working, and our vision please join us at 9:30am where the Bible classes are held. Questions are welcomed and invited!

As of now, there has been \$35,000 invested into our ministry from our generous partners. Our total need for the first 14 months in Tanzania is about \$61,050. Before we can leave the U.S., we need \$48,422 in cash and pledges. This means that we need about \$13,000 more in order to leave for Tanzania.



Prayer Requests

- For all the people effected and recovering from Hurricane Irma and Jose, including Global Lutheran Outreach headquarters in Florida.
- That God would open new doors for support.
- That God will continue to shape our hearts and minds for our transition to Tanzania. That God will continue to prepare the hearts of the people we will be working with in Tanzania.

How To Partner With Us Financially:

Make checks out to
"Global Lutheran Outreach".
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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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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21