



October 2017

HELLO FROM TANZANIA

This month has been a roller-coaster of emotions for us. We were approved to leave for Tanzania. We booked our plane tickets. We packed up all of our stuff. We told our family and friends “see you later”. We got on a plane to move our lives to Africa. Moreover, we are in the process of transitioning to Tanzanian culture. All in ONE MONTH!

We have now been in Tanzania for about a week and a half. We are living with a Tanzanian host family and attending language school during the day. As you can imagine, there have been many adjustments for us. We have learned so much in this week and a half. However, I have to admit that it has been extremely overwhelming yet at the same time incredibly fulfilling. While learning a new language and a new way of life, there have already been a couple moments when we just want to say we can't do it and give up. Nonetheless, in that same moment we realize that we don't have to do any of this on our own, with our own strength, which isn't much. God tells us in His Word that He will be with us always and give us just enough of His strength for each moment. Remembering this each and every day, in every moment, has taken the pressure off us and put the focus on God's strength and power. Through Him, we have already learned so much about the culture here and we can now speak in complete Swahili question and sentence. All the praise be to God!

Enjoy a few pictures to describe our month...



On October 8th, we were able to share a detailed presentation with St. Timothy Lutheran Church, our home church. It was so awesome to see so many people come and hear our story and vision, it was standing room only. Then on October 15th, we were blessed to be commissioned and prayed over by everyone at our home church.



On October 18th, we set off on our adventure to Tanzania. This is all the luggage we took with us for our life in Africa. We boarded a plane for Amsterdam, then to Dar es Salaam, and then to our final destination Iringa, Tanzania. During our travel, many people asked us why we were going to Tanzania and it was so fun to share our mission with them. We officially arrived on Friday, October 20th.



What a beautiful place we get to live in. Every day we walk down the hill our host's house is to the main road in order to catch the public transportation here and ride to language school. This walk is quite possibly my favorite time of the day. We also sit on the porch almost every night to watch the sunset and marvel at God's handiwork.



Our host family is eager to show us all aspects of life in Tanzania and many nights are spent learning to cook traditional Tanzanian meals. Here, we learned to make chapatti which is similar to a thick tortilla and they turned out delicious.



Every Saturday, we go to a school to teach a choir club some American songs and dances. This past Saturday, we taught them "Give It Away", a VBS song about how crazy Jesus' love is for all of us. It was so rewarding to hear them sing out the words so loudly and enjoying the song. Afterwards, they invited Austin to play some football (soccer) with them.



Every day we are learning more and more of the language and culture. We are starting to ask questions and speak complete sentences in Swahili. We can take public transportation by ourselves, go to the market by ourselves, and get around town all by ourselves. Also, many times people here are seen carrying various items on their heads while they walk. Austin learned this skill when he carried a big sack of potatoes on his head up the hill to our house.

**Keep up to date with us by liking our Facebook page "Adventures with the Reeds", reading our newsletter toward the end of every month, and watching our videos that we will be putting out around the 15th every month (posted to YouTube and Facebook).

THANK YOU!

We know that many of you have been praying for us and our support raising, and we cannot thank everyone enough! Mission work is teamwork and you are our team. Even though we have been moved to Tanzania, we still have a bit to go so keep on praying!

As of now, we have raised enough for all of our outgoing expenses and 62% of our ongoing expenses. We are so grateful and overwhelmed by all your support. This means that we still need \$11,750 of support for our first year.

Prayer Requests

- That God will continue to move hearts to action and raise up partners for our ministry in Tanzania.
- That our brains would continue to absorb Swahili and that we would continue to learn the language quickly.
- For people, especially children and teenagers, with albinism in Tanzania.
- For smooth transitions for us and our families in this big adventure.

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