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STILL SERVING

Now that I, your LORD and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
(John 13: 14-15)

Two years ago, this month, Austin and I began our marriage with an act of service in front of family and friends. After we said our vows and gave each other rings representing our promise, we got down on the floor and washed each other's feet. This was such a special moment to remind us that in our marriage we need to be willing to serve each other and put the others needs in front of our own.



Who knew that two years later in Tanzania, we would be reminded of that moment of sweet service. When we arrived at our bungalow on Zanzibar island to celebrate our anniversary, we found a bucket of water outside the door. After a day at the beach, we realized what this bucket of water was for - to clean your sandy feet before you walk into your room. So every evening we spent there, we got to relive our wedding promise of service in such a tangible way, by washing each other feet once again. Through this act of sandy service, we were also reminded that we are in Tanzania to serve the people here and show the love of Jesus to every person that God puts in front of us.



And with no surprise, because God works in the most wonderful of ways, when we returned back to work a few days later we were presented with a brand new ministry opportunity. While we continue to wait to receive our government letter, to work in the government center for children with albinism, we will be working at a new program started by the local Lutheran Church. In short, the Lutheran Church saw a specific need, in this community, of working moms struggling to find people to watch their young children so they decided to open a new day care facility. They also have plans, to hopefully, open a youth center and soccer field. Austin is already in talks with them about how we can help with the youth program.

Their day care opened this Monday and I have been hard at work as a caretaker and leader for this new outreach opportunity. It has been so fun and such a blessing to be able to play and share Jesus with the little ones of our community in Shinyanga. Lots more stories to come...



Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for safe travels, a refreshing anniversary celebration trip, and new ministries to be apart of.
- For this new ministry to be a light in the community and for the children attending the day care.
- Wisdom for us as we venture into these new ministry opportunities that we may lead and help in way that builds up God's kingdom here in Tanzania.

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