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SERVING TOGETHER

"But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, LORD. Please send someone else." Then the LORD said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. **He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.** You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; **I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.**"

Exodus 4:13-15

This entire month, we have been preparing for a mission team from Concordia University Texas to come during the last week of May. So that means that on top of teaching at the daycare during the week, we have also been arranging hotels, transportation, and translators for the team. It was busy to say the least! But, there were so many meaningful moments throughout the month!

I was able to lead a women's Bible study at the Right to Live with Albinism program. It was such a powerful evening for the ladies to study God's value of women, which was so well-received and encouraging for all of us. During the devotion, my good friend, deaconess, and fellow teacher at the daycare, Josephine, was able to help me with my Swahili. After reading Proverbs 31, she shared how all women are meant to be a deaconess (which in Swahili literally translates to compassion), in the sense that we are all created to help people with the skills and passions God has given us. This teaching was truly impactful for me and all the women in the room!



During our time in Tanzania, we have completed different projects for the church and the community but we, also, wanted to do something special for certain people who have helped us here. One person who has helped us so much since the beginning is Mama Rachael, our house help. We have shared her story about how working for us was her first job after being widowed with two children. She has done SO MUCH for us and we felt God pushing us to give back to her. So, we gifted her with a portion of money that would help her to purchase land and begin building a home for herself and her children. We were so happy to go and see the land she purchased and foundation for her future home this month. She has been a huge blessing in our life and we are so happy that God used our ministry to bless her.



The mission team arrived in Tanzania eager to see many ministries here! They did a 3-day Vacation Bible School at the daycare and all the children loved the fun activities that they



brought along. One of the lessons was about how the birth of Jesus is a gift to us and how they also brought a little gift for all the children. It was so amusing to see the joy in the children's and teachers' eyes as they played with play-doh for the very first time!

It was also powerful to see Steven, a young boy with autism, bonding with the team members. His excitement was so contagious the whole week and my heart was bursting!



Finally, after many weeks of planning and hitting a few bumps, the basketball court is officially complete! The team was able to be a part of the opening ceremony/blessing of the court as well as first official basketball game. There was so much eagerness and excitement around this court from both the church workers and the youth! I will always remember watching many locals trying to shoot a basket for the first time on our new court. Thank you so much to all the partners for standing next to us in our ministry and helping to impact the youth of this community!



Support Update

Thanks to our generous supporters, we are able to complete my Director of Christian Education internship as well as participate in all these projects for the Lutheran Church in Shinyanga, Tanzania. Without a doubt, it will leave a lasting impact and blessing to this community. After completing the internship, we will, also, be using some of the funds to transition back to the USA for the first few months. We will begin our journey back to the USA on June 24.

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Prayer Requests

- Thanksgivings for safe travels of the mission team and many projects being completed.
- For safe travels and safety for us, and our dog, as we travel back to the USA starting on June 24.
- For all the difficult goodbyes we will have to make this next month.

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