



Tanzania

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Dear Prayer supporters,

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God bless the ones who pray for me and help me stay here in Tanzania. I have not been in the states since way before Covid 19. It has been a long year and half since this started. Although we have not had the lockdowns or the media blitz like most of you, we have had Covid. We still do but nothing is reported. No one tests because the tests are 100 USD for foreign travelers who are few. Many people are without work and without funds for food. **We have fed more people who come to our church in the city and neighbors than we ever did.** Hunger and sickness is a normal in a third world country but this is different. People who never faced hunger are hungry. No tourists. This has hit our area very hard. This area thrives on tourism. **Thank you for the help in feeding people and helping us to reach them with the gospel.**

Several churches helped me to purchase the tables, chairs, benches for the new areas we are working in. Also a new bathroom was finished. **Thank you, Bible Baptist in Savannah.** Bibles bought and some were ordered since not very available these days. **Thank you, Heatheridge Baptist in Tulsa.** We are trying to get an estimate for a porch/meeting area in one area to have AWANA and hope to have it started soon. **Thank you to Faith Baptist in Elida.** Rains are delaying some things but hope to finish the structure in June.

Many people are sick with colds, flu, typhoid, and other normal sicknesses. We are still trying to be careful in washing hands and social distancing but people have become lax in some instances. Continue to pray for our government here. No Covid totals and no testing to speak of and no vaccines. The new president is wooing the WHO and the UN to help but without the infrastructure, no totals, and testing is only very limited and so expensive, not sure how they can help. People here say there is no Covid since the old president denied the existence here and convinced the people that God spared us. With no news, it is difficult to evaluate the influence of Covid here. I have tried to be really careful and am taking precautions. **Please continue to pray for us** during this difficult time of the unknown. Thank the Lord for the freedom to minister!

Known is that Christ died for all and we are to be telling others about Him and pray for the Holy Spirit to draw them to Him. Teaching of teens, children, and adults goes on. Printing and distributing gospel tracts and booklets are helping us with drawing neighbors and friends to the gospel. Street guys are getting saved, baptized, and joining the local church in the city of Arusha. **Pray for workmen to step forward to serve and to teach/preach the Good News. A few have fell away. Satan is active and wants his way in some dark places. Pray for our new converts who are standing strong but have resistance from their old friends. Matthew 9:38 tells us that the harvest is ready but who will harvest? Time is short and we need to be working the fields!**

Translation and printing of materials in Swahili is continuing. We finished a new booklet this week. Translation in Swahili is the first step and then proofing and proofing and editing and proofing again. It is a real blessing when the project is done and ready to use! I have help with this but I try to keep busy with new projects all of the time. **Pray for me and my helpers to continue to be faithful to print and publish new items which we can use in the churches here in Tanzania.**

I was able to renew my visa/permit for two more years. Laws have been changed so it takes a lawyer to keep up. Pray for the government to relax the law about foreigners. Actually we see a light at the end of the tunnel and it looks bright. Some missionaries have left but some of us are finding ways to comply with the law and pray that the rest of the missionaries can stay here and win more to Christ, plant more works, raise up more pastors to pastor those works, and see God really change our Tanzania for the Lord! Thank you for your prayers for me to get a visa/permit! **God answered your prayers!**

Thank you for your faithful support and your prayers for my ministry here. God bless.

In His field of service,

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Top picture: These are staff of BBA at a special workers' day. Top right is a picture of benches made for a new bible study area. Picture in the middle this is a lady in our city church who was baptized in the cold May water. Pray for these new believers that they will stand strong. Satan is not happy to see ones coming to Christ.



Picture on left This is the day we gave food to our "mamas" of Wednesday night service. They were so thankful for the bananas and the flour. Middle picture Kareem is a homeless man who came to our church from the Ngarenaro area (slum area) and told us he was suffering from leprosy. All had abandoned him. He accepted Christ and now is recovering from his disease. Pray for Kareem, former Muslim, to be faithful to the Lord and continue to grow in Christ. God bless all who help me to be here and support my ministry in Tanzania. Some of the guys saved from really rough backgrounds are being stalked by their old friends trying to draw them back into the "old ways." Pray for these guys to resist the pull. They lock their doors when the old friends come to draw them back. Shehele, Daudi, and Musa are just a few who were thieves, murderers, drug takers and drug pushers. They want to live for Christ. New creatures in Christ! Please pray! Left picture of teachers in BBA.



Picture to the left Nathan and his family have returned to Tanzania after furlough. They are working here in Arusha. It is so good to see them after over a year in the states. The picture in the middle This is Pastor Abraham and Rebman going to Dar es Salaam in the bus. Rebman is a street guy who accepted the Lord and is ready to get some Bible training for 6 months in Dar. Pray for Rebman because he is ready to graduate and serve the Lord in June! Picture on the right This mother came to receive food for her family. They had nothing so we provided a help of rice and flour. She was so happy to receive and has visited the city church. Gospel is given with the food. If you would like to help with purchasing food for needy people in our area here in Arusha, contact me or give through donate.bbfimissions.com. We try to be wise and always try to get good food for the ones who are in need. Gospel always given. joannefoltz@gmail.com God bless.

