

Tanzania

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Dear Supporters,

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Well, here we are in 2021 and still having Covid 19 issues. Here in Tanzania, we are free to have school, church, do business, travel, and such without interference or penalty. No masks to speak of, very little talk of testing since no testing is available (only for international travel), no talk of vaccines, and the medical community is banned from talking about the virus. Tanzania is quiet about it and tells the people to pray and to trust God. Good advice. We are washing hands and using disinfectants, and you will have your temperature checked at some high end places. People are in denial but we are having a resurgence of the virus, which might be the South African type. I am keeping myself as safe as I can. I limit the people in my house and car, keeping my distance when possible. Our school ministry in the city church here in Arusha was closed for two months only last year. We started again in January and continue as normal. We have hand washing stations at each classroom. No masks, no restrictions, normal schedule and normal school. **Thank you for your prayers for us during this time.** One teacher stayed home two weeks with a very sick husband with Covid. We are very aware of the danger and the limited help from the medical institutions. Continue to pray for me as I try to keep my schedule and my ministry normal.

Our city church in Olorieni is working in three new areas:

1) One is a place, **Ol Kerian, where** we have a house and now a shelter with a bathroom. The bathroom is an outhouse but we are in need to upgrade it for church use. It will cost 500 USD to make a proper one for the public. Please help if you can.

2) In **Nyamagana**, we are putting up a fence and locating a guard in the area. We are in need of a shelter. Please consider helping with this. It will cost us around 1000 USD to make a simple shelter for Bible study and Awana time for children. It is six acres and we will be making a football field after the rainy season.

3) **Ngarenaro**, the urban slum area, needs to rent a storefront for the Bible study. Right now, they are meeting in an open area for Bible study each Thursday, and for Awana and other activities. It is rainy season so we are limited because of the mud. Renting is around 100 USD each month.

Each of these areas are in need of 25 plastic chairs (each 8 USD) and 10 benches (each 40USD) and 4 tables (each 40 USD) . Thank you to several churches who have helped with bikes for evangelism. We now have 9 bikes to help our evangelism. Thank you also for a box of Bibles (a box around 200 USD) from Pond Hill Baptist.

Food for hunger is a big item these days. The economy is suffering and food has become an issue with many. If you can help in this ministry for hunger (rice, flour, oil, soap, tea, sugar) ,please consider a one time of 500 USD.

God has provided so much for me and I appreciate my churches and individuals who are so generous and pray for me daily. Prayer is so important for what is done for Christ. Pray for souls, pray for the gospel to go forth in freedom, pray for "harvesters in the harvest" Matthew 9:37-38.

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

In His field of service,

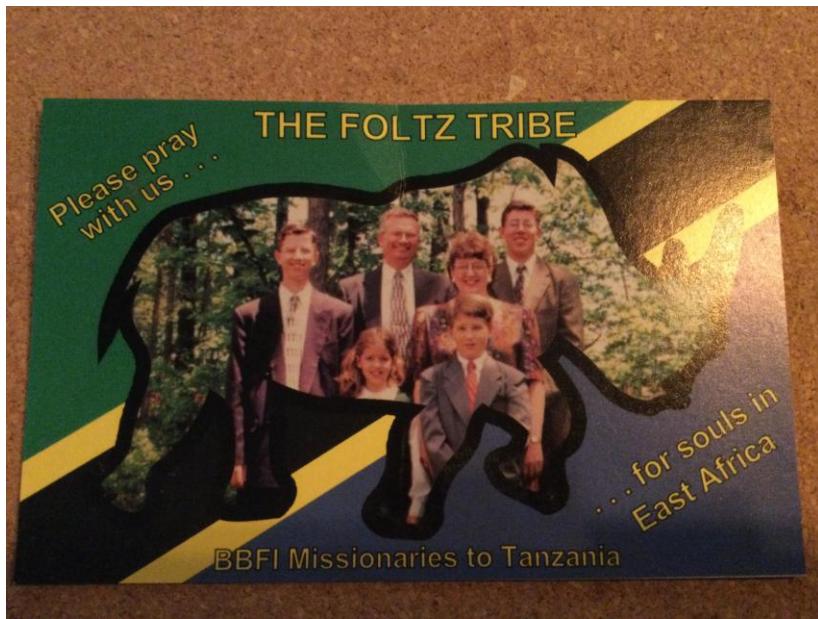
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Top picture: These are students from a neighborhood secondary school who memorized verses to get Bibles. Top right is a picture of a “tour” at a secondary school where the gospel is given even in these times of Covid 19. Pictures in the middle are from the secondary school ministry. Each month our city church sends teachers and preachers and singers to give a program ending with the gospel.

Picture bottom left is two college students who have been a blessing. I have been blessed to help them to get their diplomas. Next picture is of Pastor Abraham with Pastor Solomon in Ol Tukai. Solomon gave a carful of watermelons to the city church free because he was going to lose the harvest since there was no market for them. He had a huge loss with an acre full of fruit. We distributed them by my car in our neighborhood to thankful people in Olorieni. Soccer balls and school materials have been purchased with funds from gracious supporting churches. God bless all who help me to be here and support my ministry in Tanzania.



The top picture was my family's prayer card in 1996. The picture on the top right is my car full of ripe watermelons. Middle picture is the staff of our Christian school after a goat BBQ for our holiday party given by Rev. Tony Raker and his family and church family so we could have a blessed Christmas! Lower picture is of Pastor Abraham's house. They are inside now but it is far from being done. They are in this month because they needed to be done with rent. Thank you Heatherridge Baptist in Tulsa and Battlefield Baptist in Warrenton, VA for helping with the construction! More is needed and if you would like to help, please let me know joannefoltz@gmail.com God bless.

