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Olson Family Newsletter



We're Back in Tanzania!

We thank God for the safe travels He gave us. The girls all traveled very well and enjoyed some in-flight entertainment. Our luggage also arrived safely, and we passed the Covid screening.

Since then, we have been enjoying many sweet reunions. The local Lutheran Church has welcomed us warmly once again. The girls are, of course, very happy to see their dog and cat again.

Andrew is excited to be back to the office. He loves being able to see the team and interact with them in-person. He is continuing to teach a course on Translation Basics and the team is now doing a team check of the book of Acts.



The Blessing of Family

Mark and Michelle Wise, Alexis' parents, came on the journey with us to assist with the kids. They are serving as missionaries to Uganda. It is such a blessing to have family who are also involved in missions work nearby us.

Spotlight: Bishop Andrew Gulle

Bishop Andrew Gulle was the original vision-caster and founder of this translation work on Ukerewe Island. He has a wonderful heart for evangelism. He was recently interviewed for the LBT Essentially Translatable podcast airing June 23rd.



You can listen to him at:
www.lbt.org/podcast



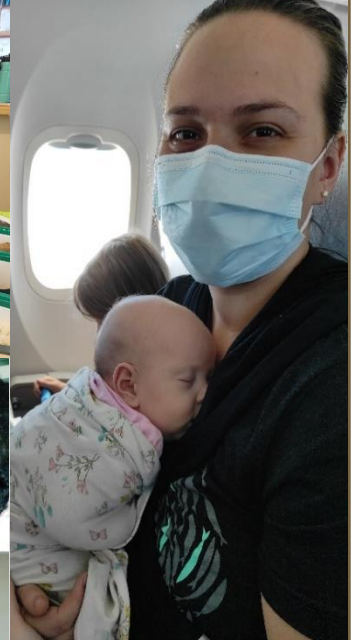


Pictures



The girls had a supernatural joy as they traveled. We believe this was a direct result of your prayers.

(Right) We were welcomed to a delicious meal with our friends. (Below) Mariah with a passion fruit soda.



Alexis did very well holding a baby for 16 hours of flight-time. Eliana slept a lot.



(Left) Andrew is learning welding from his friend Katina and brought him a new helmet.

(Right) Baby Eliana (3mo) has been welcomed with open arms! The Kerewe people really love our girls.



Soundbyte



"I pray that the Olsons would love the people, love their homes, love their traditions and festivals, love their nation, and their ways.... And that Your love would be seen through them."

- Pastor Tom Olson
AFLC Pastor, Lakeville MN
A prayer during our Commissioning Service



Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord for our work permit which was granted in May.
- Pray for safety from Black Mamba snakes, which have been sighted in Muriti, including in the translation office. One of our friends was bit but miraculously recovered.
- Pray that the Lord would open the door for increased community engagement this next year.
- Pray for Mariah who is starting Kindergarten in the fall and Alexis who will be homeschooling her.