



TIFFANY IN TANZANIA

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my last letter, I announced that a change is happening in my career with Lutheran Bible Translators, and I am excited to announce so soon after these changes that I have been called to work in Tanzania! Praise be to God that He's heard my prayers and the prayers of you, my supporters, and has found a place for me in Tanzania to help with the Bible translation efforts there. My timeline is still being sorted out, but I am hopeful that I will be able to go overseas by the end of 2022 or in early 2023.

My new position will be as a **Community Engagement Specialist**, working with a diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT). The ELCT has roughly *8 million members*, and is still growing! This is because of the variety of effective outreach programs the church has put into place over the last few decades. There is a great need for Bible translation in Tanzania. Having Scripture in more of the local languages will help tremendously with outreach and evangelism!

One of the people groups that we will be working closely with is the *Datooga*, a community of about 2 million speakers that speak several languages and dialects. After a meeting back in June of 2012, the Datooga agreed that they wanted to make efforts to translate the Bible into the *Taturu* dialect. Over a decade later, we, along with the Datooga, can take the next step in this process.

My main mission, so-to-speak, will be to get the local members of the Datooga community prepared for and involved in Bible translation and Scripture engagement. (Years of research have shown that the more the local partners get involved the more successful the projects are.) I will also serve as a guide and resource where technical training and experience may be lacking.

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 JOHN 5:14-15



Above: Women in the Datooga community preparing to serve a homemade meal to LBT missionaries and Datooga church leaders.

My Regional Director, Sarah, and I will be traveling to Tanzania in June for a short but busy two-week trip to get an idea of where I will be working and living, and to meet some of my future colleagues and begin building connections with the people there.

In July I will head to Concordia, MO for the annual *Concordia Mission Institute* (CMI) where I can reconnect with some of my colleagues and continue to prepare for life and work overseas. I can't wait to integrate what I learned in England to the conference this year!

Up until two months ago I thought I was going to Botswana. Now I am headed to Tanzania. Just goes to show that God knows best and His timing is perfect. I'm so glad I have friends and family who serve as my counselors and cheerleaders, and I am overwhelmed by the grace and provision that God has shown me in the last few months. All of this work is for Him.

His richest blessings to you all,

Tiffany

The Tanzanian Flag



Further News and Prayer Requests:



PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pray for my donor base to continue to grow and for financial security in my mission work.

Pray for my upcoming trip to Tanzania with my Regional Director, Sarah. (June 4-18)

Pray for my health, both mentally and physically, as traveling lately seems to tire me very quickly. I want to get the most out of my visits to churches, conferences, and international travels without sickness and mental fatigue creating barriers.

Praise and thanksgiving for my family! I have been living with them for the last few months and am grateful for the extra quality time I've had with my two youngest siblings before I move overseas!

BUDGET UPDATE

3-Year Budget Goal: \$85,000

Current Funding: \$51,000

Remaining Funds Needed: \$34,000

Special Project 2022: Vehicle

While in Africa I will need a reliable and comfortable vehicle for traveling between villages and cities for my job. A car that's efficient and durable enough for African roads can cost anywhere between \$20-30,000. To designate funds for this project, please specify "Smith Vehicle Project" on the memo line of checks or use the drop-down tab in my missionary bio on LBT's website!



Check out LBT's podcast where I am featured in a couple episodes to learn more about our mission and my story! Also check out the New Testament put to music, which you can find at lbt.org/LivingWater!

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