



TIFFANY IN TANZANIA

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For two weeks in mid-June my Regional Director, Sarah, and I traveled to Tanzania for some meetings, a conference, and so that I could get an idea of where I will be living and working. The first few days were rough trying to overcome jet-lag, but by the end of the trip I was falling in love with Tanzania. It is quite amazing that, unlike other times I've traveled, I was already looking forward to going back! I'm growing more and more confident that this is where God wants me to be.

Thank you all so much for praying my way through the last several months. God is truly paving the way to Tanzania for me, and you all have been so encouraging and confident about His faithfulness in my life. I'm witnessing it more and more throughout this journey!

Highlights

For the first five days, Sarah and I were in Dar es Salaam at a Bible Translation conference. Here, I was introduced to two Assistant Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (below). Rev. Lema (right) represents the East of Lake Victoria Diocese, and Rev. Nzelu (left) represents the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese, also known as the SELVD. Since Lutheran Bible Translators works very closely with these two diocese, and since I will be working primarily with Nzelu and the SELVD, it was a privilege to attend a conference with the both of them and learn more about what is happening around the country regarding Bible translation!

In general, the conference was an encouraging experience. Seeing how agencies are working together nation-wide for the sake of the Gospel is amazing and a testimony to the Holy Spirit at work in Eastern Africa!



In a small village called Bukundi, I got a picture with a local, dressed very similar to the traditional Taturu men, complete with a shepherd's crook, beads, and long fabric wrapped around the torso and shoulders.

Another highlight of the trip was visiting the remote and fairly unreached villages of Bukundi and Lukale, where our Taturu language project will be taking place. In this region of the country there are many Taturu men and women living as traditional a lifestyle that they can (herding livestock and remaining pretty disconnected from the bigger cities) but that is becoming harder to do as they are confined to a specific area of the country that's environment is becoming less and less sustainable. Very dry, and very bare. Although I was a little nervous when we first pulled up in our car, walking around the village opened my eyes to the potential it has for the Bible project they are requesting. People in Tanzania, specifically this area, are hungry for God's Word! It is a great motivation for myself as I begin to plan for work and life there.

Lastly, I have a house! (see page 2) It's not in the village but is closer to a bigger town, Shinyanga, and right next door to Rev. Nzelu! Seeing where I will be living made it all more realistic and exciting for me. I can't wait to make it a home! The plan right now is for me to move there in mid-October.

As always, thank you for continuing to read my updates (more on page 2) and praying for me. More to come soon!

Your Sister in Christ, Tiffany

Further News and Prayer Requests:



PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Praise and thanksgivings are due since my trip to Tanzania in June went so well: travels were smooth and my health was just fine!

Please pray that God continues to prepare the way to Tanzania for me. I still have a lot of work to do before I will be ready to officially move overseas.

Praise God for the pieces of the puzzle that He has already put in place! This includes providing me with housing (left) and furniture that will cost less than I anticipated!

I NEED PARTNERS. The plan is for me to move in October. However, I cannot leave until I have most (ideally all) of my funding. I am in serious need of financial gifts and giving partners. Please pray for God's provision in this area of my work!

ANNUAL BUDGET GOAL: \$80,000

Current Funding for 2022:



Current Pledged Support for 2023:



I am in desperate need of mission partners! Partners are those who give on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis towards my funding. Your individual support is what keeps missionaries like me on the field. Please consider becoming a partner with me and LBT!



VEHICLE PROJECT

While in Tanzania I will need a reliable and comfortable vehicle for traveling between small towns and villages for my job. Though taxi cabs (shown above) are great for the big city, they don't work for traveling long distances! A car that's durable enough for these roads can cost up to \$40,000. 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!

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