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Tiffany in Tanzania

Prayer Letter and Mission Update

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I spent the last month based out of Charlotte, MI where I made 12-15 different connections that I would not have made otherwise. I praise God for this encouraging and fruitful time.

Now, I am heading back to Iowa for the next month. At the end of September my director and I made the tough decision to delay my departure until the end of December because my funding goal has not been reached. Thanks to all of you, it is consistently increasing—just not enough for the hoped-for October departure.

I am looking forward to being based out of my family's home in Iowa. Between speaking opportunities, I'll get to see family and watch my sister excel in her favorite fall sport: cross country. As many of you know, I was in England last year for training, so I missed Thanksgiving and Christmas in Iowa too. It will be nice to be with family this year for these holidays.



A picture of one of the dormitories on the campus of the boarding school in Mwadui.

Highlights:

While in Fort Wayne I visited the seminary (right) and a church in Decatur, IN called St. John's Bingen. St. John and I connected because members there take a biannual trip to Shinyanga and Mwadui to serve with the Lutheran church for a few weeks. They donated money for the building in the picture above: a dormitory for children at the local Lutheran boarding school.

This connection was cool for several reasons: First of all, I will be living down the road from this school and will have

an office on the campus, so I will be very familiar with what St. John has helped support over the years. Secondly, since very few partners will ever visit Tanzania, specifically Mwadui, few can relate to what I am doing or picture where I live. I am so grateful that there are people like the members of St. John who have been where I am going and can visualize what my life will be like there!

I received so many encouraging comments and could feel the genuine excitement folks had for me when I visited St. John a few weeks ago. A highlight of the last month, for sure!

What's to Come:

Since I am now officially part of the Tanzania team for LBT, I have online meetings with partners in October. We will be discussing upcoming workshops in 2023 for the translation teams. I really want to be in the country for when those workshops take place.

Currently I am looking for more speaking opportunities at churches, schools, and Bible studies. I'll be based out of Iowa but am also willing to travel to Illinois, Nebraska, or other surrounding Midwest states. I hope to hear from some of you soon! God's richest blessings to you all.

Your Sister in Christ, *Tiffany*

I am at 76% of my funding goal!
Please consider partnering with me so I can get to Tanzania by the end of 2022.



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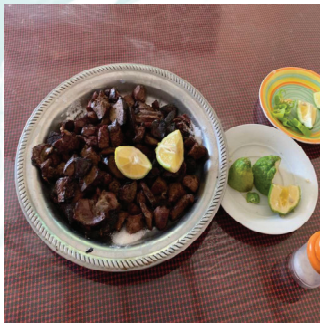
One of the most popular questions I get after I travel is, “How was the food?” In Tanzania I could confidently say, “*Nzuri sana!* (*Very good!*)”

Below are photos of different meals I ate during my trip in June, including a picture of an entire goat roast at the retirement lunch for the former Assistant Bishop of the SELVD!

Top photo: Goat roast. In Tanzania, a special occasion like a retirement is celebrated by roasting a whole goat and sharing it among all the guests. Before the cooks carved and distributed it, the retiree cut small pieces and, with a toothpick, fed it to each of us when we went up to shake his hand and congratulate him. I felt honored to be a part of this traditional celebration!

Lower Left: Chicken soup with bananas (not ripe, so they weren’t sweet), *chapati* (similar to tortillas), and a hard-boiled egg with habanero peppers and limes for flavoring. This meal is very common, I discovered.

Lower Right: Grilled cow liver with lime, salt, and habanero peppers for an extra kick. We ate this shared plate of meat, joined by some Taturu speakers, during a visit to the village of Bukundi. We used toothpicks to stab our individual pieces. I didn’t know it was liver until we were served “regular” beef (also tasty). I never thought I would enjoy liver, but it was surprisingly good!



Did you know that LBT is celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s German translation of the New Testament? His translation was foundational to the Reformation’s spread. It’s the same today. Bible translation supports the flourishing of the Church around the world, and I believe it will greatly benefit the churches in the Datooga area.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that funding continues to come in and that God’s will be done regarding my departure date.
- Pray that my time in Iowa is fruitful, and I am provided many opportunities to speak about my ministry.
- Pray that my packing isn’t too difficult or overwhelming. What to bring? What to leave behind? It is probably the most stressful thing on my checklist right now.
- It’s difficult telling the SELVD and partners overseas that my departure is delayed a couple more months. Please pray that God guides their preparations for the translation work, even without LBT’s physical presence there.

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