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Tiffany in Tanzania

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DATOOGA

"My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved..." | ROMANS 10



Jambo! (Hello!)

In mid-October I had my first Tanzania team meeting via Zoom. It feels much more official now! We discussed dates in 2023 for several workshops our team is putting together for our partners in Tanzania who are involved in ongoing and upcoming Bible projects. I may be leading a session on Scripture Engagement in one of these workshops, since this is what I studied in England and what I will be helping with in the Taturu project. Planning is still in progress.

Many of you have asked if I am going to Tanzania alone, and the answer is, yes, but I will not be working alone. We currently have several projects happening in Tanzania, and I am playing a supporting role in just one of them (for now!). There are other LBT missionaries (Ruthie Wagner, Dr. Tim Beckendorf, and Dr. Michael Megahan) who are not necessarily working in my specific project, but we are all one LBT team and plan to help each other out whenever we can with these projects. We are also, of course, working with local pastors and church leaders to accomplish this work in Tanzania. I have been in touch with several of them via email for the last several months and will get to know them better once I am in the country.

I have an amazing support system behind me. One of the biggest "to-do" items on my list is packing, and I must say, it is quite intimidating. However, many missionaries and friends from work have been giving me great advice for my move: what to bring, what to leave behind, what to expect when I arrive, etc. Praise God for this blessing of a network!

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With my postponed departure date (from October to December), I have enjoyed extra family-time. The picture to the left is me and my parents on a hay-rack ride at a pumpkin patch last weekend. We celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary and my youngest brother being home from college for the weekend.



TIFFANY SMITH

is serving with Lutheran Bible Translators, in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, to support the Datooga people as they begin translating the Bible into a language called Taturu.

Tiffany would humbly ask you to consider joining the mission of LBT and putting God's Word into the hands of the millions who don't have it in their heart language!

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If you would like to give to Tiffany's ministry, please mail all checks to Lutheran Bible Translators' headquarters at the address below, or give online.



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Did you know?

When you visit another country, it is always a good idea to learn some words and phrases in the local language(s).

KARIBU (Welcome)

A common Swahili word you hear in Tanzania is **Karibu**. It means Welcome, but it is used in multiple different ways. You can use it to say, "You're welcome," if someone thanks you, or you can use it to say "Welcome!" such as inviting a guest to sit next to you or come into your home. If you add **Sana** onto the end, it adds a greater degree of welcomeness to the word, such as "Karibu sana!" ("You are very welcome!") It has been said that Tanzania is called the "Land of a Thousand Karibu!"

SMILE! (Don't say cheese!)

In America, we point our cameras at our friends or family and say, "Say cheese!" to which everyone plays along and responds with an enthusiastic, "Cheese!"

In Tanzania, they use a fruit to get their friends and family to smile...

I was told that when posing for a picture it is common to say, "Sema ndizi!" which translates to "Say banana!" The "i" sound is [ee], so when you say, "Ndizi!" you naturally smile, just as when we say, "Cheese!"

Who knew, right?



Prayers and Praise

Pray: For long-term financial partners to support my ministry.

Praise: I am almost 100% supported! This is evidence of God's provision. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Pray: There has been news of an Ebola virus outbreak in Central-Eastern Africa. Please pray that it does not get worse and that it will not affect LBT's travels or work in these countries.

Pray: For my last few weeks in the US. I have a lot of packing and "Goodbyes" to do. I expect leaving will be hard.

It's amazing how God affirms His plan for us. During my partnership development I have met many people who have a connection with Tanzania or Lutheran Bible Translators who have been so supportive in my journey thus far. Linda Funke and her husband, Eric, served in Tanzania for seven years and lived in the very house that I am going to be living in when I arrive - what a God moment! Linda and I were able to meet over Skype a month ago, and she gave me a lot of good information about my soon-to-be neighborhood and home. She even sent me a list of maintenance instructions and helpful advice for the house that Eric wrote up before they moved back to the US!

Another amazing person I met during a church visit was Roberta. Roberta and her husband, as well as other members of their church, have gone to Tanzania many times for mission trips and visits to friends. In mid-October she and other ladies at her church held a Tanzanian fabric sale for members of their church, many of whom are immigrants from eastern Africa. She invited me to attend, and I got a small collection of beautiful fabrics (pictured below).



The blue fabric with the Lutheran rose on it says (in both Swahili and English) "Women," and the acronym for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Roberta gave that one to me as a gift, and it now serves as a beautiful tablecloth on my display table at churches. I am going to attempt to sew a dress out of the fabric on the far right that I can wear to future church services both in America and in Tanzania!

I am in need of a car once I arrive in Tanzania! I still need around \$30,000 more in my vehicle fund. The Taturu live on the outskirts of mountains and salt pans, so having a durable vehicle for those tough Tanzanian roads will be necessary. As we approach the end of 2022, consider giving to my car fund: Smith Vehicle Project. You can designate gifts to this project on a check or online.



I am still finding the balance between preparing to leave and spending the little moments with family and friends. Thank you for your support and prayers as I approach my departure date in December. I am amazed at the grace God has shown me throughout this adventure. "To Him be the glory forever! Amen." (Romans 11:36)

*Your Servant in Christ,
Tiffany*

TIMELINE

October 31st: Trinity Lutheran School Wausau, WI

November 6th: West Prairie Lutheran Church Viroqua, WI

November 19-21st: Iowa District West Senior High Youth Gathering

December 28th: Depart for Tanzania!

