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# CMF International Newsletter

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**Dear Friends,**

We are settling in to our new house in Arusha, Tanzania and we are thankful that we were able to find a house that is less expensive than we had last term! We praise God for his leading and provision.

it is good to be back here, to experience familiar smells, and sights and sounds from the past 21 years. it has been good to see our friends, and begin to prepare for what God has for us in this term of service.

Two of the first three nights in our house, we had no electricity!! Welcome to Africa. So, we had to find flashlights, and candles. We have had water, which is such a blessing. Our CMF team has been very helpful in the adjustment process. They brought all of our furniture and belongs to the house, and so we have only had to put things away!

Our shipment arrived in Arusha on Wednesday. It was good to get our things, but we were shocked when the cost of shipping them doubled at the last minute. At that point we didn't know what else to do, as we were flying the next day, so we paid the bill and sent it. It was about \$2000 more than expected.

## Change of Weather



We left Portland in the Snow, and arrived in Tanzania to different weather!! It is hot and humid here. The long rains have started, and it is heavy. There has even been some flooding!!

Look at this picture, while we were getting heavy rain in Arusha, it was snowing on Mt. Meru which is seen from our kitchen window!

## CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING

Need financial help

We have graduated several classes of church planters, and sent them out to plant churches among their own people. This is the exciting ministry that God has sent us here to do.

Because of increases in living expenses, and the dropping exchange rate of the dollar to the Tanzanian shilling, life here is costing us more than expected. For example electricity has gone up 21%, and so have food prices. We have unexpectedly had one missionary resign, and the Tanzania government has slowed down three other missionaries who were expected soon to help with cost of the ministry here.

**The next course is scheduled to begin on Feb. 25th. We have 10 people ready to be trained, but at this point we are short of funds to train them. We need \$7700 in the next two weeks, in order to go forward with this training course. If you can help, send contributions to CMF and mark it for Tanzania church Planting course.**

## Building Training Center

Worked stopped



The new building is looking great!! The work has stopped though, because we have run out of funds. We had hoped to use it for this upcoming training course.

We need about \$25,000 in order to finish it.

Pray with us that the funds will come so that many more Tanzanians can be trained.

## Can old Dogs learn new tricks??

Swahili course

We have spoken Maasai for years, and feel comfortable, but now we must learn a new language! Judy and I begin a three week intensive Swahili course on Feb. 25.

We have been "around" Swahili for years, and we know the cadence, and we

have a lot of the vocabulary, but we don't "know" it. Please pray for us as we learn to communicate in this language.

## Jack

We brought Jack out of Kenya to Tanzania by airplane, to keep him safe in the current crisis in Kenya. He was here when we arrived, and it was so good to be reunited with him. He was such a big help in hauling furniture, and boxes around. He is now 5 ft. 8 in. at 13 1/2 and growing!!

Things have settled down in Kenya for now, and so we sent him back to Nairobi to continue in school on Wednesday this week. If things get bad again, we will pull him out again. Please pray for Kenya, that they will find a solution to the political problems there.

We are planning to travel to Nairobi on Wednesday next week to see Jack and to visit with the school, and with Mandeep and Bubbly (who take care of him while he is in Nairobi). If things turn bad, we won't go.

## Kenyan Churches

Keep praying

The violence in Kenya has been devastating. Our hearts have been saddened by this tragedy that has happened in the Kenya that we love! So many have died, and even though Kofi Annan is working to mediate a political settlement, there still is no agreement.

We met today with James Sinkua, the top church leader for our churches in Kenya. He shared with us the horrible things that have happened. It is unbelievable. He said that our church leaders continue to speak peace, and that our churches are continuing to do well in the midst of this disaster. We have only heard of one of our friend's brother who has been killed in the fighting.

Please pray for Kenya, and for our church people, that they will be a voice calling for peace amidst other voices clamoring for war.

Thank you for sending us back to Tanzania to continue the ministry that God has called us to here. You are partners in this work of reaching the unreached in Tanzania. Thank you for your continued support, both with finances and prayers.

**Sincerely,**

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