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Olson Family Newsletter

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We thank the Lord for new friendships

We thank the Lord that He's given Mariah and Selah open hearts to make new friends. They enjoy playing in the sandbox, chasing each other while pretending to be an alligator, and the tire-swing. We continue to pray that they will continue to make new friends after we move from language school.



Car Purchased!

This past month we purchased a Toyota Hilux, and it's been paid for in-full! We are **very** happy to have this truck as a reliable means of transportation.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to purchase this vehicle, especially Trinity Lutheran Church in Stenford, CT and Emmaus Lutheran in Bloomington, MN. We are encouraged by your partnership. ❤️

*Fun Fact: All Cars in Tanzania are required to have a fire extinguisher.
What a great idea!*

Language Learning is going well

We are both doing well and are nearing the end of our time at language school. We praise the Lord that we are both now conversational in Swahili, and the girls are picking up a few phrases too!

We are excited for the many new open doors that knowing Swahili has opened for us. This past month, Andrew was able to preach his first sermon in Swahili, and we have also been able to connect with people in daily conversation on a deeper level. We give thanks and praise to God for His empowerment in our language learning.

We will finish language school this month, and then we begin the process of moving to Ukerewe Island!



Alexis with her teacher Dickson



Andrew with his teacher Abraham

Our Vehicle Fund and Household Setup Fund are now **100% Funded!**

Your prayers and gifts are making this vision of a Bible for the Kerewe people a reality.

We are near to reaching our monthly support goal for 2019. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.

as of Aug. 2019

87%

Praises / Prayer Requests

- ❖ Pray for continued language ability for Swahili, and also for our ability to learn Kerewe later on this year.
- ❖ Please pray for our upcoming transition to Ukerewe Island. Especially that we would make new friends.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for continued good health. We haven't had any major ailments yet in almost 3 months in Tanzania. This is an ongoing prayer request
- ❖ We thank God for the car which He has provided!



We were in Dar es Salaam to meet with SIL Colleagues, and had a chance to enjoy the Indian Ocean



Happy moments

from these past months included finding cheese at a local market, picking starfruits with our German friend Marlene Munzert, receiving mail from family and a gift of new balls for the girls to play with 😊

Soundbyte:

“Umoja ni Nguvu”

“Unity is Strength”

“Usipoziba ufa, utajenga ukuta”

“If you don't fill the crack, you'll have to rebuild the wall”



- Tanzanian Proverbs



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