

# THE JUNGLE JOURNAL

Olson Family Newsletter



## We made it safely to Tanzania!

We praise the Lord for safety, and that all of our bags arrived in Tanzania. When moving 12 large boxes into the country, we feared that we would have a hard time with customs, but the Lord granted us an easy time there as well.

## Funny Moments 😊

We're still trying to convince Mariah that she can't drink or use the water that comes from the tap. She has to keep her mouth closed in the shower too, which can be a bit challenging to enforce.

*"Lord please keep the germs at bay until she can learn," we pray.*  
That being said, we really love it here.

## Warm Welcome

Bishop Gulle and the staff of the East Lake Victoria Diocese have rolled out the red carpet for us. In the photo above we met with church leaders as well as the Eric and Linda Funke family, who are Lutheran missionaries serving in a nearby area.

Alexis was given a beautiful blue *Kitenge* by the ladies of the church. It's printed with Luther's Rose, and says "Ladies of the Lutheran Church".



## What's Next?

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll start language school in Morogoro for three months. Alexis and the girls will study Swahili basics, and Andrew will be building upon his conversational level of Swahili.

## Car Update

We have found some affordable car options and are in the final processes of securing a 4-wheel drive truck for our family.

Our original goal was to raise \$30,000 for this vehicle fund. However, we have found a reliable unit in the resale market for about \$24,000. At this point, we are just \$6,400 short.

Would you consider a one-time gift to complete our vehicle fundraiser?

Olson Vehicle Fund



Olson Household Setup



This 2013 Toyota Hilux would fit our family well



## Praises / Prayer Requests

- ❖ Praise the Lord that our work permit and residency permit were both approved.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for a smooth transition into life in Tanzania.
- ❖ Praise the Lord that our household setup fund is nearly full!
- ❖ Pray for language abilities from the Lord as we further our studies of the Swahili language.
- ❖ Pray for new friends for the girls and for grace as they transition.
- ❖ Pray for good **Health** as we experience a new environment.

Lots of paperwork! So far, everything has gone very well. Thanks for praying!



## Soundbyte

"We cannot do this ourselves, because we lack many things...  
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- Rogath Lewis Mollel  
General Secretary  
East of Lake Victoria Diocese



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