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Dear Friends and Family of Andrew and Alexis Olson,

It is GREAT to be young and full of energy and life! It is a blessing to many when that energy is focused on SERVING OTHERS and helping to grow the Family of God.

Andrew and Alexis have answered the call to GO and the call to SERVE. As missionaries of the AFLC and Lutheran Bible Translators, they have completed the basic training and preparation for going to Tanzania to serve the Kerewe people on Ukerewe Island. The Bible translation team and Lutheran Church are eager to receive Andrew, Alexis, Mariah and Selah. When Andrew and I visited Tanzania last September, many wanted Andrew to stay in Tanzania, asking me to return to the US and bring Alexis and the children! That says a lot about everyone's eagerness to welcome the Olsons!

THANK YOU for your prayers and gifts. You are God's people who have brought them this far! Please join me in asking God to move others so the last segment of their financial needs will be met. It is vital that the Olson's life and work in Tanzania be fully resourced and sustained. I am convinced this is the right time for this Mission to the Kerewe, so God's Word will be heard and received in each person's heart. God Bless You!

In Christ,

Jim Laesch

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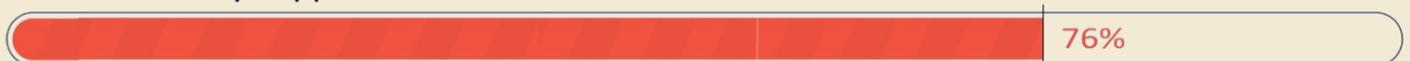


The Kerewe Bible Translation team



Inside the newly constructed Bible Translation office

Olson Monthly Support



The giving in recent months has steadily increased, praise God!

We welcome new donors who have joined our Team.

All of you are making a difference, thank you!



God provides the help we need!

Even when a lug-peg falls off the van... 5 hours from home. :)

We had the joy of staying with the Steve and Joyann Dahl family when we visited Thief River Falls, and I think God knew exactly where we needed to be when we had some car-trouble.

Steve had the tools to help us fix the van in less than an hour. We were so thankful to be back on the road the next day with a working van. Thanks, Steve, for sharing your gifts with us!



Will I see you there?

Upcoming Events:

- 3/17 - Zumbrota, MN
- 3/24 - Eagan, MN
- 3/30 - WMF Conference
- 4/7 - Shakopee, MN
- 4/13 - Bloomington, MN**
- *Special Commissioning Service @ 5pm**
- 4/14 - Bloomington, MN
- 4/28 - Amery, WI

- Our Saviours Free Lutheran
- Living Word Free Lutheran
- Living Word Free Lutheran
- King of Glory Free Lutheran
- Emmaus Free Lutheran**
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- Amery Free Lutheran



New Church Building finished!

In September, when I last visited, this church had a foundation which stood about 4 feet tall. Now, 5 months later, it has been completed, and stands right next to the Translation Office. Let's pray that this church will shine as a beacon of Christ's love in rural Muriti.



Soundbyte

"Evangelism is priority number one. We have a motto from Luke 5:4, which says 'Go to the deepest water, and let down the nets for a catch'. Always, we are thinking of going, going, going, to reach the unreached."

- Rev. Andrew Petro Gulle
Bishop, East of Lake Victoria Diocese



Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

We are a short couple months away from our hopeful departure date in early May. We value your partnership in this work so very much.

Olson Household Setup Fund

as of March 2019



Olson Vehicle Fund



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