



Email from Our Missionaries in Tanzania, Africa,
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Dear Pastor Berkedal,

Greetings in the name of our Savior who was born anew for our sake.

I admit that I am truly amiss in responding to the donations from the congregation that have accumulated for the sake of church building in the Morogoro Diocese. Together with the money accumulated until the end of March we were able to go forward and build a new church for the growing Maasai congregation at OI Ntukai in the Mabwegere area. It was constructed by the end of August.

With the additional funds that you have sent until the end of October, we were also able to begin the flooring of this new church (original building plans for these churches only includes walls and roof.) We also sent money to assist the rebuilding of the church at Kiduhi. These two activities I set into action just as I left Morogoro in the middle of December.

You may remember that we originally hoped to use the money from Faith Lutheran for the building of a church at the Dakawa Education Center. When we realized that we had not been able to secure the plot there because of a lot of government red tape we then proceeded to use the money for the OI Ntukai church where we had a large group of Maasai Christians worshiping under the trees and in a small shelter. Now they have a roofed church and the evangelist has been able to lead the activities of a kindergarten in the new building.

The program for building is an ongoing process in the evangelism area of the church. Having seen the baptism of over 12,000 people during the time of my activities in these evangelism areas, I am well aware of the need for helping to provide adequate places of worship. Often we would begin by providing the roofing and the walls with the gathered Christians continuing with the windows, doors, pews and flooring.



Even though my role has been modified in this work, we still have a corps of dedicated pastors and evangelists who continue to carry on the work. Many continue to be baptized and the need to help them to support their church workers and continue with providing worship space.

I wish to thank you and the congregation for your continued support of the work. Your gifts have been faithfully channeled through the office of the SE Minnesota Synod. We look forward to continued conversation about the ongoing work.

In His peace, Herb





