



# Tales of Tanzania

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## Prayer Praises and Requests

- \* Thanks for God's protection from malaria and Covid-19.
- \* Thanks for faithful partners, for their generous gifts and prayers.
- \* Thanks for the joy being among God's people here in Mwadui brings me.
- \* Ask that God will continue to inspire people to partner with my ministry through prayer and financial resources.
- \* Pray for me to have patience with the pace here in Mwadui.
- \* Pray for Tanzania and America as both face Presidential elections in the coming months. May God's hand direct the final outcomes and bless these countries.
- \* Pray for approval of the appeal for my work permit.
- \* Pray for safekeeping of all the students of Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School.

## July Jubilation

***"I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one." John 17:15***

School opened Monday, June 29 and the eager anticipation of being among students again is now a reality. Introductions and greetings were made and now lesson plans and instruction are underway. Teaching English to 58 Form 1 students and coaching basketball have happily stepped up my activities. Basketball is a big hit for those not interested in football (soccer) and we have already worn out one basketball on the concrete court. The kids love seeing me show up with a basketball in hand, especially on weekends. I look forward to closer involvement with the girls as group counseling begins this next week.

Here's a glimpse of a typical day at school.

7:30 a.m. Students gather at the flagpole to sing the Tanzania national anthem as the flag is raised.

A community leader often gives a brief motivational talk following uniform inspection.

8:00 a.m. Classes begin. As I enter the classroom, students stand and greet me in unison, "Good morning, Madam." Students are attentive, respectful and eager to interact as instructed.

Chalkboards! What a challenge to use them now. Writing notes to



be hand-copied from the boards slows the learning process. The chalk dust settles onto my clothing like the first snowflakes of winter, and showers the students sitting in the front row. *(Just so you know, the greying hair you think you see in my pictures is really only chalk dust. Ha!)*

3:30-4:00 p.m. Classes end for the day. Living at this boarding school requires student responsibility for daily chores. Students learn self-discipline quickly, as they take care of their personal needs such as washing clothes and those things “mom” does.

The pace of learning here is a challenge, however, unlike in the U.S., students are not distracted by personal devices and the internet. Computers provided by Linda and Eric Funke are helpful for teaching basic computer skills and students rely on dictionaries. The small library has resources that provide good reading opportunities.

Tea breaks in the morning and afternoon give students time to stretch their legs briefly, as they spend hours sitting in the classroom. Their diet consists of porridge, ugali, rice, and beans. The lack of fruit, protein, vegetables and a balanced diet concerns me, even knowing this is the same food they have at home. Due to the bland flavor, most people generously add salt and sugar. Hence, this country has high incidents of diabetes, high blood pressure, and adult deaths before reaching 60. Since the beginning of July, two students have lost their fathers.



*Form 1 students—end of class.*



*Student leaders.*



*Bell ringer!*

My heart is encouraged as students are opening up to me. Some shared personal challenges by asking very mature questions about careers, personal relationships, fears, and even discussing their nightly dreams with me. Following basketball practice one late afternoon, a small group of young men sat around me asking questions and then listened intently. They expressed fear of failure, fear of disappointing their fathers and the difficulty of the relationship, yearning for understanding and approval, and longing for trustworthy advice from one who truly cares. They impressed me greatly and I felt humbled just to have a few moments with them. Their gratitude overflowed.....wow, does Christ ever fill me up! May He grant me more time here. . . .

***Wisdom gained here is priceless and not forgotten.  
It's soulful medicine.***



## Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

We are beginning the study of Galatians by Beth Moore, “Living Beyond Yourself.” Studying the Word with these ladies is a tremendous blessing as we delve deeply into our individual study time in preparation for our group discussions. Challenging and rewarding, we are discovering a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ’s love, the power of the Holy Spirit within us, and how we can respond according to His plan for us daily.

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:10

## Scholarship, Vocational Training and General Fund

Your generous support of this ministry helped fund one student’s full year scholarship to Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School, provided a sewing machine and vocational training in tailoring for another, and established a general fund for another student’s personal needs. Thank you very much.

*Below: Dorothea Kruse, German agriculture missionary receives a celebratory farewell. Solar cooker she donated to a village school. MLSS students. Photo with former students and teachers. Trophy – case of soda.*



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*Fun at football game.*



*Winning Team!*



*Madam Loyce led the student choir and service alongside ministers of Mwadui Lutheran Church.*

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