



# Tales of Tanzania



## We Were Made to Thrive.

*Psalm 1:1-3. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

### "Thrive" by Casting Crowns

Here in this worn and weary land  
 Where many a dream has died  
 Like a tree planted by the water  
 We never will run dry  
 So living water flowing through  
 God we thirst for more of You  
 Fill our hearts and flood our souls  
 With one desire

*A fitting song for student conversation,  
 singing, and counsel.*

Just to know You and to make You known  
 We lift Your name on high  
 Shine like the sun made darkness run and hide  
 We know we were made for so much more  
 Than ordinary lives  
 It's time for us to more than just survive  
 We were made to thrive. . . .



As impossible as it seems, we are drawing near to the end of a school year. Form 4 graduation, Serengeti tour, and regional academic competition all happen this month with national exams in early November. Students and teachers are focused on academic performance for all levels, but it is most crucial for Form 2 and Form 4 students as their future educational plans weigh heavily on their scores. Some will progress to higher education while others' formal education will end. **Father, grant grace over the students and staff during this intense time of exams.**





### Joy, Joy Joy Down in My Heart!

Recently, basketball has become popular with many boys and girls, and each week more are participating. Others gather at the court to watch, for conversation, and socializing. This time together builds trust and friendships. Last week, joy broke out through singing praise songs and dancing amongst students! **JOY!** It is evident to me these students are gifted, and with a few musical instruments they could improve and enjoy their talents.

Unfortunately, as the interest in basketball increases, so does the damage to the concrete court. In fact, the court is becoming unsafe due to the crumbling concrete and holes, and minor injuries have occurred. Basketballs and student shoes are quickly ruined within a couple of weeks or so.

Friday night movies have given students time for relaxation and fun, but now due to malfunctioning equipment, this is no longer an option. Extracurricular activities are healthy alternatives, physically, mentally, and emotionally. They bring life to these students outside the rigorous academic lifestyle here. I would hate to see it end, but in reality we need funding for this.

I have researched competitive estimates for making the court safe and costs are almost \$2,000. I do not know the costs of musical instruments, speakers, and other items that are needed. Would you consider giving a love offering to help us purchase some of these items? This would truly bring joy to the students and staff here.

These gifts can be sent the same as other donations, simply replace 'Kruckemeyer' with 'Mwadui Extra' and a specific fund will be set up for these items. Shipping items to Mwadui is both very expensive and unreliable, with numerous taxes and tariffs, therefore a financial gift is the best option. For details on gift giving, instructions are on the last page of this newsletter.

## Exciting Developments at Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School

A project very dear to Linda and Eric Funke, the Home for Vulnerable Children, has received full funding and construction has restarted after being delayed due to the pandemic. But, praise God, completion is anticipated before the end of this year. Thanks to Pastor Brock and members of **St. John Lutheran Church-Bingen, Illinois** for fully funding the construction and now providing sponsorships for the 16 children who will reside here. **Amazing Grace!**



The Health Clinic will be completed once the Home for Vulnerable Children is open. This medical facility will serve the public as well as students. The campus of Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School is growing into a place of refuge for all of Mwadui and the surrounding villages. The leadership here has bright hopes for this school to serve its community, educationally and medically, while providing shelter to homeless children. Funding from American brothers and sisters in Christ helps keep costs low so services can be offered at affordable rates for those in need.

### Funding Consideration Second Year of this Ministry

We are all realizing that God alone is our source as we face trials in these unprecedented times. I thank God that through you, funding for the first year of my ministry here was generously provided. To ensure the completion of my two-year commitment, I will need additional funding for the second year. Currently, monthly living expenses are exceeding monthly donations, and if this shortfall continues into the second year, it could limit my ability to remain in Tanzania. Just as prayers were answered and the Tanzanian work permit was approved, I trust His provision of financial funding will follow now.

### Let Us Pray. — Will you pray with me?

*Dear Lord, our hearts overflow with joy for the rich blessings you bestow on us daily. We want for nothing. Matthew 6:26 reads: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" We know you love us. 'Lord in Baptism, You put my old nature to death. By Your grace, dear Lord Jesus, continue to renew me. I already am a new creation in You. Amen' (Excerpt from The Lutheran Study Bible.)*

Help me speak what's right and good  
 And keep silence on occasion;  
 Help me pray, Lord, as I should,  
 Help me bear my tribulation;  
 Help me die and let my spirit  
 Everlasting life inherit. Amen. (TLH 395:3)

### How to Give and Contact Information

Your personal sacrifices and prayers sustain this ministry and encourage me. I give thanks for you, and ask that God bless you and keep you. If you are able and so called, you may contribute by making checks out to Global Lutheran Outreach with "Kruckemeyer" on the memo line, and mailing it to GLO at 6709 Ficus Drive Miramar, FL 33023. On-line giving is available at my website: [www.GlobalLutheranOutreach.com/blog/Kruckemeyer](http://www.GlobalLutheranOutreach.com/blog/Kruckemeyer).

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