



## Tales of Tanzania



### **A Note of Thanksgiving from Reverend Nzelu:**

*I am most appreciative of many people who have put their hands on supporting our school. I could mention some of your names as you made Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School to be a proper and safe place for teaching and learning.*

*Recently the day of Thanksgiving was celebrated by our friends in the US. On behalf of our community, school and my district, we thank you all and wish you blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.*

*I take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to Global Lutheran Outreach, Rev. Dale Talsma, Erick and Linda who made possible for Cheryl being here with us. I know she is experiencing cultural differences but I thank God that she is flexible. We grow as an institution by collaborating, contributing, respecting each other and positive commitment. She makes us improve our service and see new opportunities; she helps to the betterment of the school, she is making a difference.*

*Glory be to God,  
Rev. Yohana Nzelu*

Indeed, I am experiencing cultural differences as I work among teachers, community leaders, and the leadership here at Mwadui Lutheran Secondary School. We are surely gaining respect and understanding for each other through communication, kindness, and work. And I do see some change of hearts and visionary thinking among the leadership. Glory to God!

Recently, improvements including a new drainage system to the girl's shower and bath area, repairs to the incinerator, new curtains for their dorm, and cleaning supplies and tools have been provided by your gifts to this ministry, so we all give thanks again and again for your generosity. Our campus is glowing now since rains have watered the thirsty grounds and students have worked hard to clean up the campus, manually cutting grass with scythes, picking up litter and limbs, removing weeds, and planting new shrubs and flowering plants along the paths.



We are ready for **BASKETBALL**! Students are excited and anxious to play on the new basketball court. The court is ready, complete with red, white and blue nets to be hung this Friday before our first game. Many thanks to you who funded this project and saw great value in bringing this activity to our students. The bright green court really “pops” with the blue and red accents and is an even more popular gathering place. A value-add is that the court attracts prospective students, also convinces current students to return for the basketball program that will include colorful team jerseys.

**Next year will be amazing!**



This court will serve many purposes including netball for the girls, social events, maybe tennis, and I am hoping even to introduce pickleball to the teachers here. Together with a creative arts program, these extracurricular programs will be incentives for students to perform well academically. As we strive for a campus free of corporal punishment and shaming, our goal is to motivate and reward students positively. This challenging cultural shift is the work of our Lord, and He is waiting for our prayers.

***Would you please ask Him to change hearts here for the sake of the students?***



### Permits Approved

I am now officially a resident of Tanzania! After 11 months, I have both a work permit and residence permit that allow me to remain here until October 2022. I am so thankful as many permits now are only approved for one year, but mine allows for two years. Praise God! I am anxious to see where He leads and watch His plans unfold.

### Holidays, Birthdays, and a New Year

This time of year is normally so busy with birthdays and, of course, the holidays. My grandchildren all celebrate birthdays between October and January 2, except Cornell, my oldest grandson. Holidays here are not celebrated as vigorously as in America, and I admit I miss being home these days with family, listening to the Christmas music, worshiping in beautifully decorated churches, singing awesome hymns in English. Thoughtful students play Jingle Bells and lively Christmas carols for me, and many promise to visit me over the holiday break.

While in Iringa studying Swahili, I became good friends with Danish missionaries also serving in Tanzania. We enjoyed studying, socializing, attending church, playing games in the evening, sharing delicious home-cooked meals, and we often ventured out to enjoy rare landscapes. They invited me to travel with them to Dar Es Salaam in late December; that will be great fun. I hear there is great shopping in Dar Es Salaam and maybe we'll explore Zanzibar or Kipepeo Beach. Getting some time on the beach will be on my list of things to do!



Tanzania is actually free of Covid-19 and although testing was only done in the larger cities, the pandemic had little effect on us here. I am so sorry to hear it is still such a serious threat in the U.S. I pray for you all to stay safe and may God protect you.

I continue to give thanks for my good health, free of malaria and the common diseases here. As many of you prayed and continue to pray for protection over me, God is good and answers our prayers. Glory to God for He is good – always!

## Funding Consideration Second Year of this Ministry

I know these days are very difficult with incredible needs across the U.S. and around the world, making mine pale in comparison. I simply leave the prioritization up to the Lord, knowing He will see His will done in His own time and provide accordingly.

Through you, the Lord generously provided for the first year of this ministry. To ensure the completion of my two-year commitment, I will need additional funding for the second year. Currently, my monthly living expenses are exceeding monthly donations, and this continued shortfall could limit my ability to remain in Tanzania.

*"Whatever This Day May Bring"*  
*I Want to Live These Days With You: A Year of Daily Devotions*  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Triune God,  
my Creator and my Savior,  
this day belongs to You. My time is in  
Your hands.  
Holy, merciful God,  
my Creator and my Savior,  
my Judge and my Redeemer,  
You know me and all my ways and  
doings.  
You hate and punish evil in this and in  
that world

without regard for the person;  
You forgive the sins  
of those who ask You sincerely,  
and You love the good and reward it  
on this earth with the comfort of con-  
science  
and in the world to come with the crown  
of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8).  
Before you I think of all of my own. . .  
Lord, have mercy on me. . .  
Lord, whatever this day may bring, may  
Your name be praised.

## 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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