

Dear prayer partners,

As you know, we were in Colorado Springs for 3 months so that Scott could have shoulder surgery and then do the necessary physical therapy. Also, he attended some CMF training early on in those three months. We returned here to Arusha on 26 January and have been on the run since.

The vision for ministry of this CMF team is to reach the unreached of Tanzania by training national Christians who will take the Gospel to their own people. The initial thrust of training was with the Maasai of northern Tanzania. Eight Maasai families (4 teams) were trained and sent to four different locations in an area of northern Tanzania called Matala. Up to now, there have been 100 Maasai who have accepted Christ and desiring to be baptized. For the Maasai, baptism can be difficult for two reasons: first, there is rarely enough water anywhere to baptize anyone and second, if there is enough water the Maasai are deathly afraid of being submerged in water. They are never in water more than ankle deep and so the thought of being put under water is frightening to them. Please pray that they will be released from this spirit of fear so that they can take this step of faith. They are coming to hear the gospel in all four locations and are eager to hear more of this God. Healings are taking place and demon possessed people are being set free. The Maasai can see that God is truly more powerful than the spirits to which they have been enslaved all their lives. Praise God for His mighty works among men!



God has shown us that He wants us to reach out to other unreached tribes of northern Tanzania. During our last church planter training, there were people from four different tribes: Maasai, Iraqi (a tribe who migrated south from Iraq hundreds of years ago), Barbaig and Hadzabe. As we look forward to the next church planter training which is to start in July, we anticipate 4 Maasai families, 2 Barbaig families, and 1 Digo family.

Survey work is being done now into the Digo people who live along the coastal area of northern Tanzania. Some information on the Digo people: They are an unreached tribe, who say they are Muslim. We have found that they are Muslim in name, but in reality they know very little about their religion. The Digo mix tribal witchcraft and Islam. The survey team has been well received and the people are friendly. There is a very small church of 20 people in one village. The pastor loves the Lord and has a good heart but has no training of any kind and really doesn't know how to reach out and plant churches. He and his wife want to come to the next church planter training course in July.





A recent survey in remote areas among the Barbaig people revealed that there are many, many villages full of people who have never heard anything about God or Jesus. They are another unreached tribe in northern Tanzania. They were asking the survey team when they could come back and teach in their villages. Pray that God will continue to bring to us the nationals He has called to be trained and return to their people to preach and teach the Good News.

At the same time that we are surveying the unreached tribes of northern Tanzania, God has shown us another large area where there are thousands of unreached Maasai. The Maasai tribe was dispersed into many areas of the country by the government some forty years ago. They were such a big tribe and the government feared their strength so they dispersed them into different areas. Because of this, there are large pockets of Maasai in this country. They have remained very traditional and closed to outside influence but in the last few years, are opening up which makes an open door for the Gospel. It also makes an open door for other religions/ideologies. Pray that the Gospel is taken quickly to them as this is their time! Prayer walking will be done in this area this month. Pray that strongholds will come down and that the hearts of the people will begin to be made fertile ground for the seed of the Gospel to take root.

A specific area within Arusha has been identified for urban ministry. Teammate, Pam McKerring, is collecting data, doing spiritual mapping and prayer walking with another missionary couple and a local national Christian family. Some of the characteristics of the area are: poverty, single/abandoned mothers with children, malnutrition, prostitution, witchcraft, alcoholism, abuse...and the list goes on.

Please pray for Pam's protection and for wisdom and revelation. Again, pray that God will bring the nationals whom He has called to minister in this area.

We are now living on the mission center! It is a huge blessing to have a place where we can completely unpack and feel at home again. Thanks to all of you who gave so that there can be a mission center and so that this house could be finished. We continue to look to the ongoing development of the mission center. Two projects which need to be started and completed as soon as possible



are: 1) a building that will have a dining room/kitchen/classroom combination and 2) a fenced play area with a small classroom and play equipment for the children of the church planter trainees. The children need a safe, healthy and educational environment while their parents attend classes during the church planter training course.

CHE (Community Health Evangelism) continues to be incorporated into all areas of ministry. It is imperative that the needs of the whole person be met so that individual people, families and communities are transformed by the Gospel. Lorivi Muro is our national co-worker who is the CHE Trainer. There is a huge need for him to have a vehicle so that he doesn't have to spend hours

walking to get from one village to the next. Pray for God's provision in that area. Also pray for him to be encouraged in his work and for God's provision for him, his wife and new baby.

The ministry continues to grow and expand. God is doing great things and is bringing people to Himself! It's exciting to be a part of this work. Thank you for being in it with us as you pray and give as God provides and leads you.

Thank you for praying and participating with us in this ministry,

*Scott and Annelle*