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GREETINGS

We hope and pray that this letter finds all of you doing well. God is good even when things seem to go against us. He has blessed His work in Tanzania in many ways. Here are some of them.

CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING COURSE

When Tami and I returned from furlough in November of last year, we were happy to meet the church planter training students who were in the middle of their studies at the CMF Training Center. It was great to be able to see them graduate in December and send them off to their homes to begin their work. In March, we welcomed 3 new families to the training: David and Neema, Haggai and Juliana, and Daniel and his wife, Mary. These three couples represent 3 different tribes, the Barabaig, Nyaturu, and Mnyiramba. In fact, Daniel is our first student from the Mnyiramba tribe. These students return from their mid-course break on May 1. It will be exciting to hear how they have begun to use what they have been taught so far. They will graduate on June 18. In August, we will begin a new course, which will be lengthened from 13 to 15 weeks. We are finding that we have more to teach than what our current time allows!

NEW MAASAI BELIEVERS

Jesus said there are many sheep that are not a part of His sheep pen. We are thrilled to share

that as of spring of this year God has added 140 new Maasai children to His fold! We were blessed to be a part of witnessing the baptism of 54 of these new believers. Ushering in this great soul harvest season was the celebration of 70 new Christians among the Maasai in December. "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard and mind can not begin to imagine what God has prepared for those who love Him!"

One very significant addition to God's Kingdom was a man by the name of Kasikasi (kah-see, kah-see). He is a Maasai man living out in the remote village of Matale C. His chairman position in the community has made him instrumental in establishing CMF's presence and the presenting of the Good News to those remote areas. Interestingly enough, as much as he has supported our work and helped us, he had never accepted the Lord as His Savior until this past April. Kasikasi was one of those 140 new believers! Having lost 700 cows during the dreadful drought, he said he was thankful to God for saving 300! (That is comparable to one of us losing 70% of our investments or earnings.)

Please continue to be praying for our church planters out in the Matale areas:

Matale A: Joseph and Elizabeth

Matale B: Peter and Joloisa, Solomon and Sara

Matale B2: Daniel and Joyce

Matale C: Isaiah and Elizabeth



Current students studying together.



December graduates in class.



Maasai being baptized.

DIGO

About two years ago, Andrea and his wife Martha were with us for church planter training. They are from the Digo tribe and live on the eastern side of Tanzania, along the coast. They have done a great job with the church that they have started there. Because of their influence, more people from their community want to come to training. Shangwe and his wife also have a heart to reach their people for Christ, and are planning to attend the August course. These couples and their church are also very mission minded. Their desire is to reach out to their neighbors to the north, the Bondei, and start a church there. Who knows? Maybe we will have some church planter students from the Bondei tribe in the near future! Let's be praying!

ENRICHMENT PLANS

To complement our 15-week training course, we're planning what we're calling an "Enrichment" program. This program will allow us to either visit our church planters in their locations or bring them to our center in Arusha for further teaching, encouragement, prayer, and just plain fun. The first of these was held in January here in Arusha for the Maasai church planters. In July, Tami and I are planning to go to the town of Katesh, which is centrally located for several families, and meet with them there for 3 or 4 days. Following this, we'll be going to Matala for a marriage seminar with our Maasai church planters. We offer this seminar in our course now, but these Maasai went through before it was a part of the training. They're very excited to study God's plan for marriage, and we're excited to share with them!

CENTER DEVELOPMENT

Exciting things are happening right here on campus, just a stone's throw from our house! We've completed our multi-purpose building. It houses two training classrooms, the dining hall/kitchen, as well as several

staff offices. On the other side of campus we've completed one of our 3 guest house rondovals. It provides us with two en-suite rooms that can accommodate several guests, including any interns God would send us. Near



Multipurpose building.

completion is our common house rondoval. That will be the main meeting place for any interns, guests, staff, etc. It provides a living/dining room space with a fully equipped kitchen. Thanks to all of you who have given so generously in your prayers and financial support. Lord willing, we plan to add on two more guest houses and another student housing building as God provides the increase. Blessed be Jehovah-jireh, our Provider!

Thanks so much for your faithfulness to God and for continuing with us in this adventure!

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Maasai at worship.



Guest rondova.

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