

Hi Everyone!

It's been a little while now since I last updated you on our family doing's, so here hopefully is another insight into the many praises and prayer requests we see around us everyday!

Prayer Requests:

RAIN! Thank you so much all of you who have been praying for rain for Tanzania please continue to pray but in moderation!!!

We are all so grateful that the 'long rains' finally came but they have brought a lot of devastation with them. Many of the new and major roads and bridges around the country have been washed away. Farms are flooded, crops ruined, houses under water and people displaced. Many have lost their lives. In Dar we also have the problem of raw sewerage being washed along with new 'rivers' where there was once a street. People have to walk through this, sell their fruit and veg in it and get on with day to day life living with this outside (or in many cases running through) their houses. Disease is rife. Please pray against disease and for all those who have lost their houses as they are washed away (simple mud and stick structures with a type of 'thatch' roofing).

Life has been very stressful with the changes in MAF affecting many families, we will be one of two Maf families left in Dar, there will be only 2 other families left in Arusha. A total of 11 families are leaving to either move to new programmes within MAF, move to a different Mission, or return to their home countries. It is very sad to see these people leave. There are also many local families affected who will lose jobs; each family in Dar employs a house help and 3 guards, at the Base in Dodoma there are guards, engineers, guest house staff, office staff, gardeners and house helps and other cleaners, workshop and carpentry personnel. In all over 300 Tanzanian families will lose jobs. Please pray for these people. Jobs are very scarce. They will have severance pay but culturally here money is not saved - it is spent as quickly as possible (not often invested), as you never know how long a future there will be. A totally different way of thinking, making the most of the 'now' rather than plan for something that may not be there. Also bank charges are very high so to have a current account you need to have a good job just to afford to keep your money.

Jack has started his IGCSE Biology, Geography and English Language exam!!! He has Geography then English Lang all day tomorrow, Geography Tues 6th AM, Biology Thurs 15th PM, English Lang Fri 16th PM and finally Geography Thurs 22nd AM. Please pray that he will be able to study the right material (he has his normal school timetable during exams (no study leave) and that he will be able to process and remember the information necessary for the exams. I have given specific days and times for exams as I know some of you will want to pray more specifically for him, please remember though that we are 3hrs ahead of you!!

Praise:

Please give praise for all our good health and that of our guards and their families!

Give praise for our safety on the roads at this time of year especially as the rains make everything so much more dangerous and precarious!

Give thanks that despite the rains our neighbours have not been flooded out this year and have remained safe in their 'house'.

Give praise that everyday we have food and shelter when so many do not.

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support

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