



# Jensen Missions

Tanzania, East Africa

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## Expanding Responsibilities

Living in Tanzania automatically brings a host of opportunities to serve in the spiritual realm. Over the past two years, living in Moshi has pragmatically limited my involvement with the Andrew Connally School of Preaching, since it was located 90 kilometers away. Now that we live in the Arusha area (Ngaramtoni Juu is where our home is located), I can give more time and effort to the ACSOP.

I have been offered and have accepted the position of Dean of Academics. This will allow me to work with student enrollment, curriculum and class scheduling. One of the great needs is to see that the classes are giving these men what will best equip them for the work of preaching and working with the bush congregations throughout East Africa. Classes must be tailored to be both challenging and within their grasp. We have men coming most often from Kenya, Tanzania, and a few from Malawi.

We thank God for all our supporters who are co-laborers with us in making it possible to prepare Africans to teach Africans. The charge Paul gave to Timothy to commit the message "to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2) is being carried out. Thank you for your part! **GJ**

## *Safari for Souls 2009*

It's that time again! Campaign time is rapidly approaching, and plans are in high gear. We are counting down the days until friends arrive to help us share the Good News in Tanzania. There is much work already being done, and will continue to be done throughout the time our visitors are with us, to ensure that they have a safe and profitable stay.

We realize that many people have sacrificed much and have gone to great effort in order to be able to take part in the work here. We do our best to see to the comfort and safety of everyone who comes; however, the focus of our work is not to entertain visitors, but to share the gospel with the lost, as well as encourage the brethren.

For both the resident missionaries and short term visitors, as we carry out our purpose we are blessed in so many ways. We feel the deep satisfaction of sharing God's Word with others, and are moved beyond words when we see the "light" come on in people's eyes when they learn the truth. New friendships are made, and precious memories are tucked away for later recall. There are always a few (well, maybe more than a few) laughs along the way.

We as missionaries are greatly encouraged by having people come see the work firsthand – both the joys and the trials involved. It is our hope that our visitors are impacted as they see the scope of the church on a greater scale than previously viewed. Campaigners often go back home with greater zeal to teach the gospel – not just on foreign soil, but at home in their own communities. On more than one occasion we have heard of campaigners who have come with little experience in evangelism, and thanks to the experience they have gained while on a campaign, they are more confident in teaching others the gospel.

Thank you to each of you who will be coming our way, and to each of you who played a part in sending someone. May each of us continue doing all that we can to serve the Lord and to do the work He has called us to do.



## A Note From Joy

April has been a whirlwind month! On March 30<sup>th</sup> we moved our first truckload of household belongings to Ngaramtoni Juu, where we have secured a rental house, and thus began the month-long moving process. Several more trips to Moshi were made by George and various kids, with the last trip being April 30. In between the trips back and forth, George has been teaching homiletics on Fridays, finishing up some online courses, working on water issues in our new house, etc. etc. On weekends, we have been visiting various congregations, trying to become better acquainted with the congregations in the area. To say that he is worn out is a huge understatement. We were able to squeeze in one part of a day and night away, to celebrate our 24th anniversary.

We are happy to report that we finally received the insurance check for our wrecked vehicle. There is an amazing amount of red tape for almost any transaction here in Tanzania, insurance reimbursement included. The wrecked vehicle became the property of the insurance company, and we could not receive our check until the wreck was sold. Going through this process has been quite an eye-opener. Many people wanted a chance to buy the wrecked vehicle, and it was finally purchased for \$18,000-\$20,000 U.S. dollars! The person who bought it never even asked for a key to see if it would run! At any rate, we have now initiated the process for getting a replacement vehicle. That is another long process, and it could be another two to three months minimum before it is ready and released to us. In the mean time, we've had to look for something that will get us around. The Samfords are returning next week, and will need their vehicle. So, last week we found and purchased an old vehicle that will hopefully provide reliable transportation. Since Jacob has graduated from the school of preaching, he desires to do some work on his own in some of the outlying congregations, and he will need a vehicle to get around, and so this older vehicle will help fill that need, as well.

Our month has also included visitors from Bear Valley – Michael and Lynn Hite, Kathy Pollard, and her 10 year old son, Carl. Michael taught a short course at the school, as well as teaching and preaching every Sunday and Wednesday that he was here. Lynn and Kathy taught ladies classes on several occasions, as well as participated in personal Bible studies. We fed them twice in our home, and Carl spent the night with us one night, and hung out with the guys while the ladies were busy. It was a pleasure getting to know all of them.

I hosted the missionary wives in our home the week after we moved, for a lunch and planning session, in preparation for campaign time. There is much behind the scenes work for the campaign effort. There are plans that must be made in regards to housing, feeding, and transporting guests, schedules and lessons prepared for Bible classes for women and children, and the list goes on.

Please remember the Samford family, who will be returning to Tanzania soon, with the new addition to their family, Ryan James. We are anxious to meet him! Also, please continue to keep us in your prayers, as we enter this particularly busy time. Many of us will be on the road even more than usual. We request prayers for safely and good health.

In Him,  
Joy

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