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God's Providence Who Can Fathom?

Our wonderful supporters often ask questions which indicate their genuine concern for our children. It is one thing for Joy and I to make a commitment to live in a third world country, but what about the impact upon our children? These issues have been the subject of many prayers and careful consideration on our part. Some time back Joy authored an article entitled: Are We Asking Too Much! The high spiritual standard we have set for our own children we also expect from any who might be interested in courting our children. One valid question arises: Can we expect to live far from America, and have exacting expectations, and expect our children to find a suitable mate? Having read the title of this entry, you already may know where this is headed. God's providential workings cannot be fathomed by the human mind (cf. Rom. 11:33). I firmly believed that even with the seeming limitations of living here in Africa, God would not be hindered in answering our many prayers to bless our children with a mate at the appropriate time. Those prayers have been answered for our eldest child, Julia. We thank God for allowing her and us to meet Lee Parish. May we trust God's willingness to bless us (cf. Rom.8:32).



Julia & Lee - Engaged to be married!

Andrew Connally School of Preaching Swahili Stream begins 2010!

The ACSOP is about to begin a new and exciting phase of its work. Our friends will remember that while we worked in Moshi, we labored closely with Christopher Mwakabanje. He and his family have now moved to Arusha. He will serve as the Director for the new Swahili stream of the school of preaching. Since its beginning the school has only trained men with sufficient English language skills to receive their instruction in that language. This sadly has been eliminating many faithful men who speak only Swahili. Please pray for this work as we now expand our training program. We will continue to work as before with English speaking students.

My African home...

One of the best ways to start a new year is to witness a person obeying their Lord in baptism. George and I have been studying with Joyce for a number of weeks, and on January 7 she decided to obey the gospel. We drove her, along with her husband and one of their children, to the church building in Arusha in order to baptize her. We had to wait a while for the baptistry to fill, via a hose, along with some bucketfuls of water. Joyce was a very happy woman who went on her way rejoicing.



Some highlights of our month:

January 3: Worship with Monduli congregation

January 7: Bible class with Joyce, followed by her baptism

January 9: a seminar was held at the Kisongo congregation. George delivered two lessons.

January 10: Worship with Njiro congregation

January 17: Worship with Arusha congregation

January 23: George, accompanied by Julia and Lee, taught a Bible study for Joyce and her husband, Immanuel. In the afternoon we visited in the home of Innocent and Hilda, the preacher and wife of Monduli congregation

January 24: Worship with Babati congregation

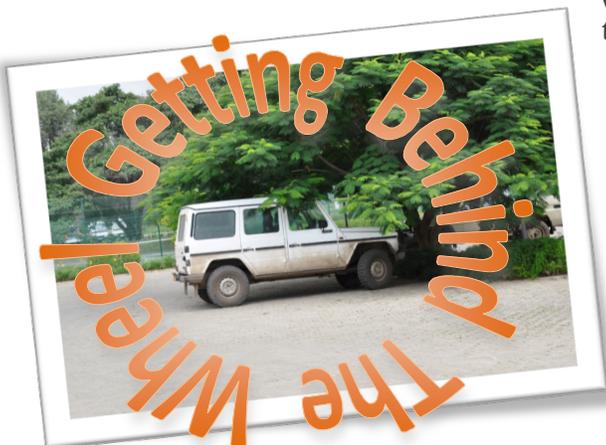
January 31: Worship with Moshi congregation

Lee and Julia headed back to Oklahoma on Feb. 1. She will spend the month getting to know his family and taking care of some wedding details. Julia is scheduled to return to Tanzania March 1.

Uganda - Evangelism Booklets

This week there are some former students of ACSOP who have returned for a week's short course on Hebrews. One student came to my study wishing to speak with me. He shared details about the situation he is facing with his work in Uganda. There are very little teaching materials available in their native language. I showed him the evangelism booklet we have already prepared in English and in Swahili. He was eager to take an English copy and wishes to meticulously translate it into his native tongue. He and I will work together to bring this project to the point of having it formatted into printable form. We have had one congregation already give to make another printing run of English and Swahili booklets possible. When we get further along on this booklet edition project for Uganda, we would like to then go to print on it. Maybe you can be thinking about helping with evangelism in Uganda by helping with the printing costs. I am excited about this new door God has opened before us!

In Christ's service, *George*



When I was going to high school, I had a chemistry teacher that was shaky. When he gave demonstrations and it required pouring some chemical from a flask, he would clank the glass upon the lip of the receiving vessel. We all joked that we knew why he was so trembly - because he was also the driver's education instructor. Recently, I have begun a series of driving lessons for Luke and Lindsey. It means I drive out into the bush where only a few goats, cows and Massai herdsman roam, and there turn the wheel over to my youngest two children. It can be an interesting proposition! During our last outing, I had regained the wheel and we began heading towards home. While still quite remote, it began to rain, and soon we were stuck in a trench that now contained a swiftly flowing stream. With a bit of digging, and engaging both lockers, we were free and on our way home again.