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November Blessings

We thank God for a host of blessings this month. We should count our many blessings, but there is not room to name them all in this brief report. Some highlights must suffice.

• Joy and Lindsey Travel

Joy and Lindsey are enjoying a much-deserved break from their work here. They are visiting family and friends in America. It is fitting that our supporters have some idea of all the work they do here in Iringa. For months we see no rain and the dirt blows in, covering everything in a matter of an hour or two. The windows cannot be kept closed or the heat would become too much. Power outages mean that often something begun using electricity must be finished by other means. Cooking everything from scratch takes a lot of time and effort, especially with the fewer ingredients available here. All our drinking water must be filtered. Washing vegetables, particularly lettuce, in filtered water is essential. Neither Joy nor Lindsey complains. They are tireless workers. They also work with our preparation of translated materials. I am so pleased they have this reprieve – especially for Joy to see her parents, and Lindsey her grandparents.

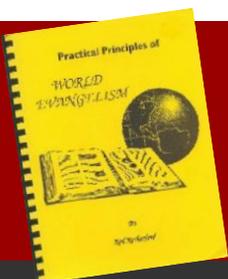
• A Baby Grandmother

Salome is one of the ladies of our congregation. For the past few months her mother Elizabeth has been visiting. Charles and I have had several classes with her. Her mind was so filled with denominational ideas that her



Recommended Reading

Through the years we have become more acutely aware of the need for our brotherhood to be better educated in missions. This not only applies to those who intend to enter the mission field, but there is also a great need for elders, deacons, and church members in general to develop greater understanding of mission qualifications, methodology, finances and cross-cultural issues. We highly recommend "Practical Principles of World Evangelism" by Rod Rutherford. You can order a copy here: <http://www.rodutherfordbooks.com/WorldEvangelism.html>.



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learning journey was difficult. Patiently we brought her to the knowledge of the truth. We rejoice at her decision to become a true child of God. She was immersed into Christ in the river, which flows below the city of Iringa. How wonderful for this grandmother to become a babe in Christ.

- **Malaria and Infection**

While our ladies are away, Jacob and I have been trying to practice medicine. Neither of us has training, but Luke needed our help. He began to feel ill and his fever reached 105.2 degrees. I took him to the hospital and had his blood tested. He had malaria. For a number of days he lay on the couch or in bed as we tried to control the fever. (Here is an informative website on malaria: <http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/221134-overview>) At the same time, Luke had an infected toe. When his fever finally returned to normal his toe was looking worse than you would want me to describe. We feared a staph infection and were poised to make the long journey to Dar es Salaam if the need arose. Thankfully we had some Ampicillin on hand and after 24-36 hours we began to see improvement, which also indicates that it likely was not a staph infection, after all. Why is this included in an article about blessings? Although we use them conservatively, we are thankful for readily available antibiotics, as well as malaria medicine.

- **Tito**

We also have ongoing classes with Tito (English = Titus). He is a young single man who works to watch over a building site. The lumber and other materials are left out and must be guarded. His background is Lutheran. He has been eagerly learning about the two covenants, the nature of Christ, and about the one body. Over the past few years, I have come to realize more and more that the one mistake most people teaching Africans make is trying to go too fast. Concepts that are so familiar to us seem so foreign to them. We don't know Tito's heart, but he will be able to choose based upon knowledge.

Your contribution to this work is also one of our ongoing blessings. Thank you.
In Christ's service,
George



SIN SCARS

In previous reports we have mentioned a congregation in the town of Ilula, which is about an hour's drive from where we live. On a couple of occasions we have worshiped with the congregation that meets there. This small church meets in the preacher's home.

Sometime in the past a vacant lot had been purchased for them. On our first visit they informed us that they were waiting for someone to purchase an adjacent lot for them. However, through our encouragement, they realized they did not really need this second lot in order to build a small building, suitable for their needs. They recently began making bricks in anticipation of beginning their building.

More recently, sad news reached us from Ilula. The preacher's grown son fell away from the Lord a

long time ago. He currently works for a local bus company. Recently, a young girl needed to make a journey, and her the parents asked this man, as an employee of the bus company, to help find lodging for their girl until she could finish her journey home the next day. He did find her a guest room; however, later that night he went back to her room and raped her. He was caught in the act as a result of her crying out. He is presently awaiting the court proceedings.

This sin has shocked the community and will have devastating effects upon the church's ability to evangelize. It is sobering to think how one sin can cause long-term devastation, both to the church and upon our influence. Our example and our influence ought not be minimized. We WILL impact the lives of others, either in a positive or negative way.

Sexual immorality, in various forms, is rampant in today's society, both in and out of the church. May God's people resist temptation and strive to shine brightly with lives of purity.