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## God Gave The Increase!

by George Jensen

There is so much to report, so I will strive to be succinct. We already informed you about the baptism of Shadrach. He is showing great zeal to tell others about Christ. He introduced Jacob, Charles and I to his friend Alex. We had a few classes with Alex before he had to return to his home village. We hope we can resume these studies upon his return. Our blog gave greater details about Prisca's challenge as she was learning the gospel. Her father was pressuring her not to "change her church." Thankfully, she was willing to put Christ first, and was immersed into Christ!

We had six weeks of Saturday classes on a Survey of the Old Testament, and we just completed six more weeks covering a Survey of the New Testament. Olivia is a young lady who lives in our neighborhood and has attended all these classes without fail. These classes proved to be just what she needed to build a proper biblical faith. To these classes were added personal studies with her. Simultaneously, "Deo" (Degratius) was having personal studies. One evening before dark, we grabbed some towels and the camera and headed off in the Land Cruiser. We picked up Olivia and headed down from Iringa town to the river. Carey had collected Deo and would meet us at a petrol station near the river. We all left the vehicles and made our walk, along the dirt pathway to the river. How wonderful



to witness these two precious souls added to the body of Christ! Later Olivia was emotional as she expressed thanks to those who taught her. She said she would never have known her lost condition or how to be saved without the help. This reminds us of Philip and the Eunuch (Acts 8).

One thing that struck me was her fear of the water. Since most Tanzanians only use what water they can carry upon their heads, they use water sparingly. Therefore, most have never been in any amount of water. She did not let this fear of much water deter her from obeying God. Please keep Shadrach, Prisca, Olivia, and Deo in your prayers.

## Malawi Bound!

Ed Crookshank has been a missionary for many years. We have a great friendship and respect for Ed and his good wife Lina. Our whole family worked with them for a month back in 2006. Jacob and I worked with them again in August of 2009. Not long ago, Ed requested that I come and teach our Malawi brethren how to more effectively do personal evangelism. We are scheduled to make the drive to Malawi in August. Please pray for a safe and successful trip. We look forward to telling you all about it in our next report.



## A Window Into Our Life

Every report I write is difficult. Why? Because a report necessitates me telling about myself, and that is awkward. However, I do want our supporters to know about our life. My father and mother have both passed away. However, their generosity contributed a large part toward us having the Land Cruiser we now use. Recently we have been putting its capacity to use. For example, our usual Sunday goes somewhat as follows: we five Jensens drive down the road and pick up our translator Charles, and his wife Editha. Then on the way to the building we stop in town and pick up Shadrach and Deo. We drive down the mountain. Next we pick up Zawadi. After worship services we usually have all these plus Mama Delilah and others who want to get a ride back to town. Last Sunday we made the drive with 16 people onboard! Local transportation here is normally by "Daladala" (a minivan serving as a taxi). These falling-apart "people movers" are always packed with people, like sardines! It is amusing to us that they use the English word "banana" to describe being packed together. Our vehicle is also packed, but with Christians and visitors coming to and from worship.

May we be willing to use every tool at our disposal in the service of our God. We are simply stewards of the property of our Master!



### Journey with Joy...

As many of you have more than likely already heard, the month of July was ushered in by the birth of the Samford's baby, Kylie

Elizabeth, born July 2 at 12:14 a.m. Bonnie's labor and delivery was uncomplicated and mom and baby are doing well.

The day following Kylie's birth there was another birth; the spiritual birth of Prisca. A couple of weeks later, two more spiritual births occurred; it has been exciting to see the church growing in Iringa!

One Sunday this month we invited the new converts (except for Deo, who had to be out of town due to an illness and subsequent death in his family) along with Charles and Editha, to join us for Sunday lunch. I prepared a big pot of beans, rice, stir-fried cabbage, and some stewed impala meat. After the meal I quickly made some banana fritters for them to try, which they enjoyed without a doubt! They had never eaten banana fritters before, but they would be able to make them quite easily. When we return from Malawi I will teach them how to make banana fritters.

Our trip to Malawi is rapidly approaching. I've been working on compiling the lessons I will be teaching at a ladies retreat. It has been rather difficult for me to narrow down the lessons; so many topics need to be taught. We are looking forward to spending time with Ed and Lina Crookshank, as well as seeing brethren whom we've met on past trips to Malawi. The political situation is not the most stable there at the moment and additionally, there is a serious fuel

shortage, so we will have four extra jerry cans on board. Please keep us in your prayers, particularly as we travel to and from Malawi the second half of August.

It just so happens that the day we plan to leave on our trip is Luke's last day of school. As you probably know he has been doing online work through Amridge University. He has had his nose in the books for quite a while now and is ready for a break. He will have completed requirements for his A.A.

We are very thankful that we have had fewer power outages the last couple of weeks; we now have about two days per week when the power is cut off. With more days with power it has been easier for me to get some sewing done. I have enjoyed making a few things to give away as gifts.

Lee and Julia have made their move to Tennessee and are getting situated in their apartment. They are enjoying their new surroundings and are looking forward to beginning school.

Thank you so much for your prayers, your financial support and the words of encouragement we receive. We are truly grateful. Until next time...

*~Joy~*

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