



CROSSING THE SEAS WITH THE CAPRARIS

Empowering Nationals to Expand the Church in Africa

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Anwary is a scholarship student at Haven of Peace Academy (academic, character, and needs-based scholarship) who is an influencer to his peers and deeply values relationships. As he begins his final year as a high school student, he has many goals—some academic and some spiritual.

Last year when Anwary and a group of his friends came over to our house for the Photography course after a school field trip, they were excited to show us their pictures. We asked each of them what their highlight was from visiting Zanzibar, an island off the coast of Dar es Salaam inhabited by mostly Muslims.

Anwary showed us a picture of a tall church and a mosque situated right next to each other. He wants to see people living together in peace, worshiping the same God. He comes from

a mixed family—his mother a Christian and father a Muslim. His parents live in a different city, so Anwary is living with his uncle here in Dar. He spends 3-4 hours on public transportation (yes, it's as you imagine, hot and packed tight in busses that need to be seen by a mechanic!) every day to come to Haven of Peace Academy. This term—September to December—we have offered him a place to stay at our house. Our prayer is that while we offer him some relief from his commute and that difficult lifestyle, we can intentionally disciple him to be a true Christ follower who acknowledges Jesus as the King of Kings and gives his life fully to Him. Partner in prayer with us as we “make the most of every opportunity” doing life with Anwary on and off campus.

Anwary also gives us other opportunities to have students over to our house. Over the summer months we moved to the house next door as we began to host more in our home. We've started something called FIFA league where the students come over to play Playstation, hang out, play soccer outside, and eat pizza. It's these types of things that get the kids to our house, but we think deep down they really love when we ask about their families, lives, challenges, and spirituality. It's an exciting opportunity that we are making the most of! It's been an exciting season of discipling students at HOPAC, not to mention the opportunities we had to coach basketball and volleyball!

People are in one of two categories: **saved** or **not saved**. If they are saved, we need to train them to bring others to the



Haven of Peace Academy
first day of school gathering



Naomi, Ellie, and John



Naomi teaching
at a seminar on evangelism



*Ellie at church
waiting for her friends*

cross. If they are not saved, we need to share the beautiful message of Jesus with them! This is exactly what we did in the month of August. We trained mostly new believers in a Dar church plant in some of the biblical commands to make followers of Jesus, and then we went and did it. Thank you Jesus that people were saved during those weeks of training! **We pray we would create a culture of disciple makers, not churchgoers.** We're called to bring the gospel to nations—that means we don't pick and choose who hears the gospel, it means ALL people hear the gospel. Let's all pray we participate in what God is doing in the hearts of the lost around the world!

During Ramadan (May 14 - June 16) we had an intentional time of prayer for Muslim students and Muslims all around us in the city of Dar. It was also a time to show some of these students that we are willing to engage in their lives by joining them in seeing what their mosques are like and joining them in their community nights. We are building relationships all around us and fearlessly sharing the gospel with them. We believe God is bringing Muslims around the world, including Tanzania, to the cross, and we want to be part of that.

We hope to be part of what God is doing in people groups along the majority Muslim east coast of Tanzania where there are areas that are considered unreached (no indigenous believing Christians with adequate resources to reach others in the people group without assistance).

Please join us in praying for the "Swahili Coast" which is full of people whose hearts and minds have been blinded by the prince of lies. We desire to learn more and be equipped more about what they believe, so we can tell them about the one true God.

We're excited to announce and share that over these summer months God gave us a pregnancy! We were surprised and thrilled to find out that God decid-



Pregnant with twins!

ed that one baby wasn't enough, so He blessed us with twins!

Please pray for good health, developing babies, and peace in the Caprari household and family! Let's pray these babies into this world like we did with Ellie!

As always, incredible thanks for all your prayers and partnership in the ministry of the advancement of the gospel. God bless you!

*John, Naomi, and
Ellie Caprari
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