



The Sherman Safari



News of Our Mission to Africa – 2 Timothy 2:2

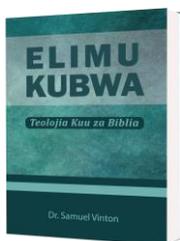
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Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to each and every one of you, and we are humbled and astounded by God's faithfulness to us and His work through you! When we think of you we are thankful to God for you.

We are writing to update you on many things that have happened in the last few months. First, as many of you have been waiting to hear, we did get our permits a couple of weeks ago. It has been a long and laborious process to obtain our work permit and residence permit to return to Tanzania. We will be flying to Tanzania at the end of October to continue the translation and editing of the books which Steve has been doing the past two years. These books are important to the building up of the church in Tanzania, as well as to helping believers around the world who speak Swahili.

(to see some of the books you can visit www.vita-buuyakikristo.com).



We have been waiting for our return to begin printing, so we have a backlog of finished books to get printed. Along with these tasks, we will also be setting up distribution points for the books throughout the country using

our fellow Tanzanian coworkers. Please pray that God would raise up the individuals He wants to do this very important ministry.

Big Change Coming!

Secondly, we want to inform you that after much prayer, thought, and discussion, we have decided to resign as missionaries with GMI on April 1, 2020. This decision has been difficult for us to make since we have been missionaries our entire adult lives. Our hearts are in Tanzania and most of our friends are there, too. But God has laid it on our hearts to be in the U.S., for a season, for family. Therefore, some of our tasks in Tanzania will be to pack up our things, wrap up ministries, and say our good-byes.

Mwanza News

Thirdly, we want to update you on the ministries in Mwanza. Over the past two years Steve has been in daily contact with Methodi, the point man for the church planting work in Mwanza. It is exciting to see how God has opened up this area of Tanzania to the Grace Church. We are so thankful for Methodi and his wife, Omelina, and their faithful service in this ministry. Working together with them, six churches have now been planted in the Mwanza area, three of which have already built church buildings to worship in. Lord willing, a fourth, the main church in the city, will complete their building over the next six months (please be in prayer about this as we raise funds for the windows and roof). Also much has been done to train local believers to lead these churches. Currently, the Bible School is in operation (our fourth class) training nine new leaders to help strengthen the existing churches and to aid in planting new ones.

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and Consider Supporting Them**



As we look to a new chapter in our lives we are excited to share with you that our dear friends and colleagues will be transitioning to a new ministry themselves. We are happy to announce that Methodi and Omelina Mwendapole have been accepted as GMI Partner missionaries! The plan is for them to help GMI plant churches in a new field - the country of Burundi. Burundi borders Tanzania and is only about six hours from Mwanza which will enable the Mwendapoles to periodically visit Mwanza and help that work continue to move forward.

God has been so gracious to us in that He has allowed us to watch Methodi and Omelina go from being our students at Tanzania Grace Bible Institute (25 years ago) to being very effective coworkers in the ministry. We have been blessed to work alongside them in Mwanza but also in many other ministries through the years (such as the 11 years that Steve and Methodi spent establishing 10 Bible schools around the country). They have been so faithful in the many ministries that God has given them through the years. So many times we have been encouraged and challenged by them and their commitment to God's work.



The local believers of the Nyangulugulu church in the city of Mwanza have been slowly making blocks and building the walls of their new church. We hope to help them roof it this year.



The Mwanza Bible School where Methodi and a teacher from the South are training nine new leaders to help create a strong foundation in the Mwanza churches.



Another all church conference was held in August which brought believers together from the six churches that have been planted during the last five years in the Mwanza region.

We want to express our deep appreciation for you and your faithful support to us and to the ministry in Tanzania. Many of you have been on our team since we started with GMI way back in 1993. We landed in Tanzania on July 4, 1994, to begin our missionary career. God has been faithful through the years and we thank Him for using each one of you to further His Church. We have said this so many times before - we could not have done what we have done without God and without you being a part of our team. This has been a team effort all along, and we have been blessed to minister to the Grace Church of Tanzania for over 25 years. We have been encouraged throughout by your faithful giving and prayer through the good and fruitful times, as well as the difficult times. It has truly been our privilege to serve God with you and to be an extension of your kindness and commitment to God in Tanzania.

Steve and Barb Sherman