

News, prayer requests and ministry updates



The Schultz Family

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In Tanzania Africa, January is the beginning of our summer and since then it has been extremely hot. I used to think that only Americans were obsessed with talking and complaining about the weather but I have found that it is a world-wide topic of discussion. So, allow me to contribute to the discussion. It somehow makes me feel better.

I have one of those infrared thermometers that are used to take the temperature of various surfaces. Last week I used it to measure the temperature inside our house. The concrete floor measured around 90°F but the ceiling was a scorching 111°F. We are eagerly awaiting the rainy season which is due any day now. This heat really zaps the energy out of you.



of 34 students I have a large variety of faiths ranging from Muslim, Sikh, Catholic, Lutheran, Pentecostal and others. Because of such a large variety of beliefs I am limited in what I can teach in this class. I am not allowed to teach denominational doctrine, I am only allowed to teach the Bible. That suits me just fine! Pray for fruit from this ministry. I have

already been able to teach them the “Romans Road” which leads to forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. It’s even on the test I wrote.

We began another session of college classes for national pastors. This was their 3rd session so far. We covered the book of Romans verse by verse and taught a survey of the Old Testament from Genesis to Esther. Every night we instruct the pastors in proper preaching methods and sermon development. Africa has many false teachers who preach a false gospel and a different Christ. But most of that is eliminated very quickly once we begin teaching pastors the Word of God. Doesn’t it seem surprising that PASTORS need to be taught the Word of God? It surprised me. It seems that Africa has gotten the cart in front of the horse. There is great fervor here to know God and experience Him but many

We have busied ourselves with normal daily ministry here. On Saturdays a handful of excited elementary aged kids attend our Awana program. Every week they play games, hear a Bible lesson and learn and memorize scriptures. We have a unique situation in that our ministry at this church is all done in English. There are many Tanzanians in the area that speak English and they all want their kids to learn more. It is a great outreach tool for us. But we need to come up with ways to be more effective at reaching out and getting those families to join us for Sunday worship service. We have seen some fruit but please pray for more according to God’s will.

Every Monday morning since school began in January our church has been responsible for teaching religion class at a local school. I and three others from our church teach 125 students in 6th and 7th grade for 80 minutes! In my class



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are simply ignorant to the God who has been revealed in the Scriptures.

Pray for my new class which begins on May 8. I will have about 15 young adults who feel they are called to ministry but have little or no Bible education and even less pastoral experience.

It seems that as I see spiritual success in ministry and I begin to feel that everything is going great, Satan makes an appearance. I find myself dealing with one of those appearances at the moment. Whenever there is conflict like this it really upsets me. I want to dwell on it and find ways to fix it. But I soon realize that this is a spiritual battle that will only be won by praying for my enemies and allowing God to work. Please pray for this “unspoken” situation.

If you have read this far into my letter I thank you. And now I want to ask you for your help. Last year we began a new church plant in a very difficult area, a city named Mererani. We have a good core of faithful believers. Philimoni and Stanely are doing a great job of co-pastoring the Mererani and Kingereka churches. We have purchased property on which to build a church and we are debt free on all accounts.

Now, we are praying for two things: Money to build a church building and missions support for these two national pastors, Philimoni and Stanely.

After living here for 12 years I can strongly assure you that this church will not be able to build a building without help. They need our financial help. I can also assure you that we are already seeing spiritual fruit come from this ministry; at least 2 men are planning to attend the pastors college class in May.

And may I be so bold as to say that these two pastors are worthy of and could do so much more ministry if they had reliable monthly support.

Please pray for God to provide according to His will. I have been holding on to some money that was designated for the church building for too long now. But I still need about \$7,000 more to begin building to ensure I have enough to at least roof the building.

In Christ,

BJ Schultz



Philimoni's Family



Stanely's Family

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Prayer requests that never expire

- Pray for our health
- Pray for God's provision
- Pray for safety

- Pray for spiritual fruit
- Pray for opportunities for ministry
- Pray for wisdom