THE NEWSLETTER OF SHAUEN & KRISTA TRUMP

FIELD NOTES

writing to you from Morogoro, Tanzania

June 2010

FURLOUGH IN FOCUS

The LCMS World Mission furlough (home-service) schedule allows for 3 months of furlough every 2 years of service on the field—ours starts at the end of September and runs through December.

These are our confirmed visit locations so far (arranged by date):

- Tacoma, WA
- Chehalis, WA
- Port Angeles, WA
- Monroe, WA
- Everett, WA
- Puyallup, WA
- Arcata, CA
- Rupert, ID
- Tulsa, OK
- Brentwood, MO
- Olivette, MO
- Paducah, KY
- Janesville, WI
- Mapleton, IA
- Country Club Hills, IL
- Herscher, IL
- Shumway, IL
- Florence, KY
- Chattanooga, TN
- Hickory, NC
- Cary, NC
- Chapel Hill, NC
- Orlando, FL
- Seward, NE
- Palisade, NE
- Wauneta, NE

Swahili Language School—Tanzania

Giraffes amble and trot across the smooth trade road as we patiently wait in the afternoon sun. Far from any park or reserve, these are real in-the-wild giraffes, wandering the land as they have for centuries, meandering towards Mount Kilimanjaro on the nearby horizon. The route stretching ahead of us winds between large and old baobab trees that were certainly here when Dr. Livingstone first explored the interior of the continent, and may even have been here when Christ Jesus walked in the Holy Lands. We have indeed entered another world—both in what we see around us and in what we'll be doing for the next three months.

In Class with our Tutor

Along with Kenya, Tanzania is in Shauen's purview as Mission Facilitator and already we are encouraged by the influence of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT). For miles we follow a minibus from the "Martin Luther" bus company before stopping overnight at the Uhuru (Independence) Lutheran Guest House about half-way to Morogoro. The ELCT's membership is roughly double that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and we happily point out signs of their presence as we drive.

Josiah Plays at Daycare

Co-located on the ELCT Junior Seminary campus, we share space with the energetic young men and women sent to this prestigious boarding high-school from Lutheran churches across Tanzania. The language program provides for our own room and board with several blocks of small apartments and a dedicated cafeteria. Krista and I happily explore our spacious accommodations, with a small room for Josiah, a sitting room, a bedroom for us, and a bathroom.

Classes begin immediately. While we struggle with textbooks, Josiah plays at daycare where the attendants speak and sing to him exclusively in Swahili. He'll likely learn more than we will these months!

Meanwhile, we enjoy the full attention of our Swahili tutor and our little group of three quickly devours the first lessons, setting an aggressive pace for the next three months. Classes occupy five hours of every weekday, and we have homework every night along with a new vocabulary list. Comprehensive exams every five lessons unexpectedly bring out our competitive natures.

As the warm Tanzanian sun sets on another day, our little dwelling rustles into the night with pen on paper and the slap-slap of flashcards flashing. Tomorrow we'll continue our journey in this new world, up early reviewing the previous day's work as the sun reaches for the top leaves of the baobab trees outside our door.

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Prayer Requests

- That we continue to have good health and good spirits to allow us to learn and absorb Swahili rapidly
- For safety on the long trip to cross the border and renew our temporary vehicle import
- That Josiah will begin to sleep through the night

In Praise

- For our new truck, received hours before departing for Tanzania
- For the opportunity to learn Swahili here in Morogoro
- For affirmative responses from nearly everyone we've contacted about home-service engagements

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Josiah—6 Months Already!

eating "real" food—bananas are popular

sitting up on his own and playing with Twiga

less enthusiasm as his 2nd tooth comes in

with Theresa, one of his daycare attendants

crawling

trying to feed himself

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Cordially invites your presence and prayers for the

Ordination to the Ministry

of

Shauen Thomas Trump

Sunday, September 26th, 2010 at 3pm

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