

MWANZA MOMENTS

Ministry Partners | Pleasant Valley Church of Christ | Southwest Church of Christ

Prayer Points:



- Pray for the church to continue to grow into new areas
- Pray for continued growth in the church leaders as they develop their capacity to serve and lead in their churches and communities
- Praise that we received our work and residence permits!
- Continue praying for several of our coworkers who are still waiting on their work/resident permits, and for the charitable status process (for TTT) with the government, which is still in process

Witness of Water

- Praise God for the continued work of the church water committee who constructed a new water well in the district of Magu in December

New church in Mamaye

We are thankful for the new church planted in the village of Mamaye in the Sumve region in November. Starting in June, three church leaders, Richard (from Budo), Emmanuel (from N'gwakasuka), and Yohana (from Ibongoya), faithfully came from neighboring village churches to teach. Over the next several months, these three visiting preachers developed a strong community together with the people gathering in the village of Mamaye. On a Sunday in November they planned an area-wide church gathering for fellowship and baptisms at Mamaye, with Christians coming from villages within a 4-5



mile radius. It was a joy to experience the spirit of unity and to celebrate the beginning of a new church with 86 people from Mamaye who were baptized that day. Praise God for the continued growth of His Kingdom and for these three churches and their leaders who are growing and evangelizing in their communities.



Family Visitors in December



It was so nice to have some special visitors after such a long time without guests, due to the challenges of international travel in 2020 with the pandemic. (Many guests had to cancel their plans to travel to Mwanza in 2020.) In December we were absolutely thrilled to have Matthew come to Tanzania for the Christmas holiday. We enjoyed some vacation time with him as we drove through the parks (Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater, and the Serengeti) on our way home to Mwanza after picking him up in Arusha. It was so great to all be together again and we are thankful that he is doing well in his sophomore year at Abilene Christian University.

Another special Christmas present arrived in Mwanza the morning of Boxing Day (Dec 26). We happily welcomed our former teammates, the Linderman family, for the first time since they moved back to the US. We enjoyed talking, eating and catching up with each other. They visited and encouraged people, churches, and ministries they were involved with when they lived in Mwanza. We are thankful for the ways they continue to be involved in blessing these ministries in Tanzania.

Office and Training Center

The local Tanzanian church leaders, in partnership with Tanzania Transformation Trust (TTT), are in the process of building an office and training center in Misungwi town. It is exciting to see how well this structure is progressing since beginning construction on it in October. This facility will serve as the main office for both the churches and TTT, which is seen locally as the development arm of the churches, in addition to providing a space for continued leadership training, church gatherings, and local ministry. We are grateful to those who have generously given toward the construction costs for this structure. It is our hope and prayer that this facility will continue to serve as a ministry training center for many years to come, impacting current and future generations of people in this area of Tanzania.

