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Luke 5b -6a: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

He is not here: he has risen!"

Dear family and friends,

What a wonderful news this was and still is.....We have a living Savior who gave his live for us so that we may find forgiveness, hope and new life and we also may live forever together with him!!

May your Easter be filled with joy and thanks giving.



Yes we serve a living God and once again we have experienced His hand of grace and healing! Jacky has been walking now for almost 3 weeks! Her neurologist in Moshi wrote:"I think that Jacky is experiencing a spontaneous healing!" WOW! We all know where this healing came from and we are all so thankful for everyone's prayer support! May the Lord bless each one of you!

Things have been quite busy again as I am having "Uncle Don" (Don Nicol), and another friend, Alvin Kim staying with us. All the kids are home so we have a full house. Lots of laughter and fun as all of them speak quite good English and are getting along great! It is truly wonderful to see how they are maturing and Baraka has become quite helpful and even Kiri (Christina) was in my kitchen peeling potatoes for 10 people yesterday!



Don is one of our family and beside all the humanoids (using Don's terminology) my two dogs love him as much and Cappuccino is giving him a daily foot washing....quite appropriate at this time of year!

He is also experiencing some new things, like stirring the heavy maize porridge with dried fish, and pounding Cassava leaves for making a vegetable dish. My house worker

was having a great time watching the green mush splatter all over his eye glasses.



Alvin came a few days after evening it felt like another gifts. The kids received new several cards from my dear They really touched my heart for some dark brown sugar, things are not available in



Don's arrival and brought lots of luggage. That Christmas gift giving! We all got spoiled with shirts, candy, USB sticks, etc. I also received friends in Canada which were a real surprise. and I cannot thank you enough! I had asked poppy seeds and a pepper mill. (All these Tanzania). It was a wonderful evening!

Alvin has never been in Tanzania

and is having a great time. He is quite

courageous and tries just about everything, including eating ugali (the thick maize porridge) with his right hand! Alvin is fitting in great with my kids and as he is very good with mechanics, he and Ngassa are spending quite a bit of time together.

I have made several short trips, taking Don and him to Livingstone's house where they gave us a very good tour with lots of interesting historical information.

We went to Malumba which was a bit of a challenge with most of the road being washed out. Thomas had to go to Kahama as his brother was in very bad shape and Thomas had to take him to the hospital where his brother was given a blood transfusion and an IV to rehydrate him. He is slowly improving. On the way back we visited Mr. Kabugota, one of our first clients, who now has breast cancer and prostate cancer. He was so happy with our visit. Mr. Saidi was also there. He was another client who was helped getting surgery done and is also very grateful for the help he was given.

Mr. Kabugota was taken to the hospital the day after our visit as his pain became unbearable. Don and I visited him. He was lying in bed but the moment he saw us he sat up straight and was beaming. He is 86 yrs old.

We also went to a printing and book binding place in Kipalapala, a small village just outside Tabora. My uncle had spent one year teaching and doing book binding in 1962. The presses are ancient but are still functioning. It was almost like a museum and was quite interesting to visit. They gave us a great tour.

We also visited the Kazima orphanage where our project has placed 5 orphans of whom two have HIV. Masanja, one of the kids keeps having big boils on his head. Please pray for him. His younger sister is also at the orphanage. They have now 29 little ones, ages 0 to 11. Margreth is doing a fantastic job in taking care of the place and looking after the workers as well as the kids.

Yesterday Mahona joined us for the Easter weekend. He is so excited to see everyone. He is doing great in his studies and will be off to Mombasa next week to give two seminars. Pray for his safety and a good experience.

Now we are getting ready for the celebrations tomorrow. First the church service, which will last for hours and then we will go home for an Easter dinner.

May your Easter celebration be as great as ours!

God bless and thanks again for all your kind messages of encouragement, especially for Jacky, for your prayers and support!

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