

Brad & Tammie Harvey News Update

Greetings from Morogoro, where things are a little wetter, but we are still having consistent power cuts because there hasn't been enough rain to fill the rivers to provide adequate hydroelectric for the country. Combined with the internet being down most of a week, or extremely slow, Tammie's efforts in organizing the All Africa Missionary Conference (AAMC (July 18-22) have been quite frustrated. Yuda is also frustrated at school when he can't do his computerized math program due to no electricity. Our electricity is scheduled off 3 days and 2 evenings each week; we count it such a huge blessing when we get electricity at one of those times – like Tuesday evening when it was supposed to be off.

The AAMC database has grown to over 400 names, though many can't come due to distance, furloughs, etc. Tammie just completed creating the official registration form and is trying to get that out this week along with deadlines for deposits. She has also been taking care of logistics for some travel for Bradley to come home at the end of the school term next week, for her trip to South Africa the first week of April for an "Insights Seminar", and for a special trip for us to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. We'll be taking our anniversary trip early as it works better for scheduling on several fronts, including for the friends that will come and stay at our house with Morrie and Yuda while we are away. We will be away from April 29 through May 12, even though our anniversary isn't until May 24th.

Brad has received the final recommendation letter to be able to send his official PhD application package to the University of Lieden in Holland. He has also begun communicating with some good friends to arrange a village visit for collecting his PhD research data. They work in church planting with the language group in which Brad will be doing his research. The husband grew up in Tanzania, and he has 2 other brothers who are also missionaries in Tanzania. One of Bradley's current roommates, and good friends, is their nephew. It's always neat how God works those things out.

We're looking forward to Bradley being home for several weeks as he returns home from the end of his second term next Saturday; he'll be home until just after Easter. They are keeping him extremely busy, but he is doing really well, with a B+ in Science and all A's elsewhere. He is currently trying out for the Rugby team (think American football with no pads, helmets or time outs!) and has informed us that he is the smallest person trying out by about 2 inches. He has also reported that he thinks he's stopped growing, at least for the moment as he gets full fast and he hasn't grown since his last measurement. But he is still working out to try and surpass Dad in the number of push-ups, pull-ups and hand-stand push-ups he can do.

Morrie and Yuda are keeping busy with "home" school and "EAB" school and activities. Yuda was invited to swim in competition on Saturday as one of the school's kids was sick and they didn't have enough for relays. He did well, coming in second in breast stroke and his medley relay team came in second; they had him swim butterfly, even though he'd only learned it on Thursday. Morrie got 3 firsts and 1 second, and they got first in their relays. One of the other teams that came has 5 students on the Tanzanian National Swim Team, and Morrie was swimming against one of them each time.

- Please pray for our upcoming Annual General Meeting March 28-30. Pre-meetings have already begun. And there is not agreement in the branch on the direction to take. Several of us will be in fasting and prayer leading up to the meetings.
- Pray for safe travels for Bradley as he comes home at the end of term, and also for Tammie, who'll pick him up, then travel to South Africa the first week of April. The rest of the family will be joining in the branch spiritual retreat the first weekend in April that will require travels as well.