

## ***ACTS IN AFRICA***

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Dear Friends and Family,

Warm greetings from Tanzania! The rains were late starting this year and have been a bit intermittent, stopping for a few weeks then starting again. The precipitation not only replenishes the earth but cools the temperatures, giving new energy to all.

As a retired missionary told us, each term on the field is different, with its own changes and challenges. So far this has proved true for us in the five months that we've been back. Although we have been continuing with the Bible teaching ministry, it seems that God continues to mold and shape us, stretching and teaching us, to accomplish His work and bring glory to His name; which is what our purpose is all about anyway.



Pastor Frank, our translator and coordinator, is a great blessing to us. After working with us over the last couple of years, he now helps arrange our seminars. Although born and raised in Tanzania, he is Rwandan by decent and nationality. Having spent five years studying in England, he is familiar with western culture, and as well as being very proficient in translating, he always takes good care of us on the road. He has a good rapport with pastors and is continually receiving requests for our seminars.

After reorganizing our team at the first of the year, we have completed six seminars. We visited areas new to us, on the outskirts of Mwanza, as well as returning to a few places where we have done seminars previously. Kigoto, a "suburb" of Mwanza was an interesting place to see. It is amazing how and where people build houses and churches here – over rocks and boulders along the lake shore. In years past, Kigoto was known as a place where prisoners were often taken for interrogation, suffering

and dying in the process. The location of the church, where we held our seminar, was said to have been a meeting place for occult and demonic practices. However, in recent years it has been developed as a small fishing village. Despite the sinister background, the view of the city across the lake, the fishing boats and the sunsets were breath taking, giving us pause to recall the stories of Jesus teaching on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.



On our trip to Nyehunge, we were pleased to be able to take a box of Swahili Bibles for distribution. Many people in the congregation there did not have Bibles of their own and were very happy to be able to purchase one at an affordable price. We sincerely thank those who make this project possible, and also extend appreciation from the pastors and congregations who benefit from this ministry.

Finally, we express our deepest appreciation for all your prayers and financial support, without which this ministry would be unable to continue. We are reminded of what Jesus said in Matt. 25:40, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." May your good works be a true testimony to your faith in Christ.

In His service,

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