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Prayer

- Praise God for his faithfulness.
- thank God for the blessing of meeting with his people
- thank God that our children are coping really well with being in Tanzania.
- pray for a restful break from language School.
- pray that God would provide people to help us converse in Swahili and time and energy to practise with them.

New Name...

We've decided on a new name for our newsletter. 'Kila Siku' means 'every day'. We like the sound of it, and think it reflects life here, the point of the newsletters, and our ultimate aim – of every day with the Lord.

Thank you!

We want to say thank you so much for your prayers, emails and support over the last little while. God has been good to us. It has been a little stressful, but our good Lord has sustained us. We progress slowly but surely in Swahili, are staying healthy and every day feel like we are getting more of a handle on living here.

Some first impressions of Church

We sit on backless wooden benches (actually, Mike had a stack one week after the people at the other end stood up, tipping the balance). Mud brick walls surround us. There is no glass in the windows, no lights, no electricity, no sound system. About thirty Tanzanians meet together. We hear from God's word, sing and listen to a sermon, all in Swahili, and understand very little. One, two,... five choirs get up to perform. We lose count after twenty songs. We close by forming a circle and shaking everyone's hands while singing another song. This time we pick up some words (Amina and Hallelujah). In fact, little Miri has been heard singing a bit of 'Amina' around the house. At about 2 hours, the service wasn't as long as we expected, but longer than what we are used to. Luckily, we have the rest of the day to recover!

Getting to church has been much harder than we imagined. We don't know where to go, we don't have an easy way to get there, without a car and easy access to transport. Without obvious church buildings and signs or the internet – how do you find a church? We have gone once to the Anglican cathedral in town, and a few other times to a local AIC (African Inland Church) with our neighbours, and some weeks just have church at home.

We are feeling the truth of Paul's words in 1 Cor 12-14 about needing to understand in order to be edified. Nevertheless, we have enjoyed our church experiences so far. Yet another reminder of how important it is for us to get a good grasp on Swahili.

Next week is our long anticipated break from language school. We all hope to get some good rest.

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them." (Matt 18:20)

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