



Only 4 weeks to go!

We just cannot believe we have only four more weeks until we graduate from language school. It has been a whirlwind of grammar, new vocab, memorising *mazungumzo* (dialogues) and *hadithi* (stories). We find that the most useful time is that spent talking one-on-one with locals, practising hearing and responding. We are so thankful to Baba George, Mariamu and Jonas particularly for their patience with us! Although our grasp on Swahili is tightening, it is still very difficult to understand a local talking at full throttle! Yet, this course is the foundation for a life time of learning how to speak and think in this new language. Mike is a little anxious about teaching in Swahili in just a couple of months.

There have been a few embarrassing mistakes. Mike introduced Katie to the Cathedral congregation not as Mama Harry but as Baba Harry, which makes up a little for her always referring to him as her wife. Once, Mike inadvertently told the language teacher that he and the kids had made a birthday cake for Katie using breast milk. Another time he tried to say the mosquitoes are bothering us, but mistook the word for mosquito with the word for the male organ.

Umaskini Tanzania – Poverty in Tanzania

Our tap water has been off now for 9 days. Although we are surviving by carrying buckets from a neighbour's water tank and sitting buckets out in the rain, most people living around us don't have running water. Women carry water on their heads from the lake or a local tap, back to their houses for cooking and washing. Similarly with electricity. We get so easily annoyed when it goes off (most days), but so many people live without ever having electricity.

Today, we visited the family of Jonas, a local man who helps with our garden. He, his wife, his sister in law, a family friend and a young boy (nephew?) all live in 2 rooms - just part of the house pictured. As we arrive, the women are cooking on coals outside under a mango tree. We are so warmly welcomed, and embarrassed by their generosity in cooking us a meal of fish, rice and vegetables. They even brought soft drink and bottled water from a local duka for us. This was a very generous extravagance for them, and we certainly felt the gap between our living conditions and theirs - and we know some who are poorer still.

We are just starting to get a glimpse into the poverty of people's lives. We've seen very little, but it's one of the things that stands out

Prayer

- thank God for a restful break from language school.
- thank God that Katie is recovering well from a bout of malaria.
- please pray for great wisdom and love as we relate to our friends and neighbours living in poverty.
- pray for quick clearance of our car from Dar and a feasible solution to transporting it to Musoma.
- pray for good conversations to improve our swahili.



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SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE SWAHILI WORDS...

sielewi - I don't understand.

Samahani - sorry

unaweza kusema polepole? - Can you speak slowly?

kweli? - truth? or really? or fair dinkum?

ninaangaliangalia tu - I'm just looking around.

furaha - happy

giligiliani - coriander

Harry's favourite - mambo vipi (a 'cool' greeting)

Miri's favourite - marahaba (more like ma-a-baa) (a greeting).

so starkly to us. Almost everyone we've met has had Malaria and other illnesses during our time here. And often they can't afford medicine when they get sick, even if they can afford to see the doctor. We've tried to be generous with the requests for money, but recently found out one man had been lying to us. There's so much more for us to see and learn. Between agonising over what to do, feeling guilty or inadequate, and embarrassed (yet very thankful) for our relative wealth, we need to learn to tread a wise, loving and sustainable path. And we need to keep reminding ourselves that what these people need more than anything else is the true riches of knowing God and being known by him.

Supporting Us...

We are so thankful to God for the way he has used your prayers to care for us. There's been some times where it's been really hard being here, and we've longed for the comforts, health and companionships of home. But God continues to sustain us. Thanks so much for your care and support.

After language school, we'll start our work at Munguishi, training pastors and evangelists to preach the gospel faithfully and boldly. We'd like to ask you to consider giving generously financially to us through CMS to partner with us in this work. If you already do - thank you! We are supported by the generous donations of members to CMS. So please, will you give to support us?

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