

In the Classroom...

Did God create Satan for Jesus' glory? Why isn't smoking and drinking a sin? If Jesus is God, how can he be the example of God as well? Why is he still a man? How do I explain 'this' to non christians? How could Jesus be born 6 years BC (before Jesus birth)?

These are a few of the many questions which hijack Mike's classes! Being one of the few teachers who welcomes questions he tends to get many from lots of different classes. This semester Mike teaches the Diploma (English) class Exegesis, Doctrine 1 (about God) and Doctrine 3 (Contextualisation). For Certificate (Swahili) he teaches Paul's prison letters and for Evangelists (Swahili): Luke; Intro to NT; and Bible Overview. At the moment, Mike is trying something new: teaching students to pray in response to the Bible passages and class discussion, rather than a general prayer students regularly use. He is having mixed results.



This semester has also brought the opportunity to invite a few students around each Monday night for a meal. It has been a really enriching experience to talk with students about their studies, their families, their future plans, their thoughts on issues and their relationship with God. We also hope to model godly family life.

It has been an interesting cultural experience. Students are not sure how to take an offer of a hot drink after the meal: one group too afraid to try hot chocolate, another keen to sip espresso coffee! We are adjusting to the spitting on the floor and our kids love helping with the traditional hand washing. We are working on convincing students not to leave immediately after the meal, and outrageously allow the Mama (Katie) and kids to eat with the guests.

It has been a great time of ministry as a family and building relationships outside the classroom, as well as gaining insight into the culture and church life in Tanzania. We are thankful that our language is at this point, and for Aino's English teaching that frees Mike to take on this commitment.



A Fundi and a Mwalimu

Aino and Nigel Lee-Jones have just arrived for a three month stay. Aino is teaching English and Nigel is building a playground at the nursery school. It is a pleasure to have them, and their thoughtful ministry is a real benefit to the College community, and to us.

Prayer

- ★ Thank God for Aino and Nigel. Pray for speedy settling in, growing relationships and good progress in their work.
- ★ Thank God for the generosity of his people, by the donation of books for Munguishi library and students! We are really encouraged by your support.
- ★ Please pray for tensions and issues at college at the moment.
- ★ Please give thanks for the opportunities Mike has had to preach this month - to the students and at the Cathedral.
- ★ Continue to pray that in all situations, whether in the classroom, reading the bible or over chai, we will bring God's words of grace and mercy to all those around us.

Books

We also wish to take this opportunity to praise God for the overwhelming response to our plea for Christian books! Thank you for your support and donations of books. It is so encouraging to see the sharing of resources within the family of God across the world. With thanks to MAG, they will be shipped in the coming month. THANK YOU! We've been asked about donating money instead. If you would like to give in this way, please contact CMS NSW or give online: www.cms.org.au/get-involved and mention it is for Munguishi.

"Give thanks to the LORD Almighty,
for the LORD is good;
his love endures forever."
Jeremiah 33:11