

Encouragement

In the last couple of weeks God has encouraged us in our ministry here through the words of students and others. The 'student dinners' at our place have been a great success, enabling us to have deeper and wider conversations with them. Katie's had a chance to meet and get to know more students. The students themselves are thankful, and word has got out, with even the Bishop thanking us. We pray that God would continue to enable us to be examples of his grace and love and that our ministry would be 'caught' and not just 'taught'.

Also, Mike has been encouraged by some kinds words from students. One student lamenting that Mike doesn't teach third year, and begging him to do so. Another saying that the shortfalls in the Evangelists course could be met if there were three more teachers like Mike. Even a few of the single students commented on how much they appreciated his sermon on how husbands should love their wives by giving of themselves following Christ.

This semester Mike experimented with opening the Bible up for discussion in class - just like a Bible Study really, but difficult in a second language and totally new for our students. They read Philippians in one class and 1 Peter in another. They loved it, but stumbled a little on the idea of suffering. Also, two of his classes have memorised Matthias Media's *Two Ways to Live* — one in Swahili and one in English. A great resource for them to both 'know and tell the gospel'!

Family

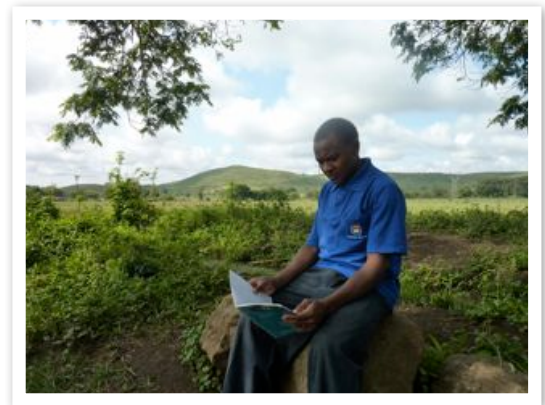
We thank God for his faithfulness to us all this semester. He's sustained us through a few difficulties (including over 6 consecutive weeks without electricity), and keeps giving us more strength to serve him here. We are constantly amazed at how well our children cope with what we find difficult, and that God has given them great joy at living here. We cannot express enough how God has faithfully answered that prayer.

Next week we bid a sad farewell to Nigel and Aino Lee-Jones. They have served here with us for the last three months. The students have great thanks for Aino's English teaching, many mentioning to us how much they have learnt (a little hard for us ex-english teachers to take), and the giggles of joy coming from Nyota nursery school are a well deserved reward for Nigel's patient and diligent work in building a children's playground.

We are sad to see them go, thankful to God for their support to us and ministry here, and also their encouragement to 'empty-nesters' to go and use their life skills and experiences to serve God on the mission field.

Big News

Right now, there are significant changes happening in our Diocese that may have a huge impact on our ministry here. We can't reveal anything at the moment, but will as soon as we can. Needless to say, we appreciate your prayers for God's wisdom and courage for all concerned to make right decisions for Jesus' glory.



Exam study



Njia Mbili za Kuisibi: 2 Ways to Live



*The Sports day:
synchronised high jump?*



Children playing on the 'fort' built at Nyota.



Students helping put up the new electricity poles, after 6 weeks of no electricity.



Yona

Prayer

- ★ Thank God for the semester's work, and all that we and the students have learnt about him and our service to him.
- ★ Praise God that he has returned our electricity, through the support of generous partners from Australia.
- ★ Pray that we'd be faithful examples of God's grace and love as we serve all people.
- ★ Thank God for the many weeks of rain.
- ★ Pray that our partners would seriously consider how they can give or give more to the work of CMS throughout the world.

We need more financial partners

As Mike prepared Philippians to teach this semester he was particularly challenged by Paul's attitude. By God's grace he had learnt to be content in every situation, and so as the Philippians gave he rejoiced, not because his needs were met, but because their gift was a fragrant offering to God.

We rejoice in your partnership with us in the gospel, your prayers, cares and giving are a fragrant offering to God.

The support that you and others give has enabled the past year and a half ministering to people like **Yona**. Yona graduates this week then returns to Kiteto Diocese to serve. He hopes to write and perform Christian music. He says that he has learnt incredibly much at college, from Mike's classes and sermons and our life example. Especially he's learnt what it means to serve as a leader of God's people, from the character of an elder as we looked at it in Titus.

Financial partnership is essential to our ministry. But we need more partners to stand with us and give us regular support. We praise God for the generosity of people like you which keeps us here working for the sake of the Lord Jesus. As we have committed ourselves to serve God in Arusha, would you now consider committing yourselves in serving God by becoming a **monthly financial supporter** to give to his work here (if you are not already)?

You will soon receive a letter from CMS about our current need for monthly financial support. Please consider prayerfully how you will respond - whether you will become a monthly supporter, or if you are currently giving monthly, please consider increasing your monthly giving here: <http://www.cms.org.au/get-involved/give>

On a personal note, we think the ministry here is really significant. We are seeing real changes in how people understand the Bible, even some seem to be grasping the gospel for the first time. Recently we've been asked about the worthiness of our students to receive your support. What if they fail their exams? But in the end, their worthiness is irrelevant — because none of us are worthy. But **Jesus is worthy**. He deserves all glory and honour. He deserves our lives. He deserves our money. So, please will you give to him who is worthy by supporting CMS.

Like us, you'll probably receive a similar letter from other missionaries. We aren't competing! As you give to CMS you support God's work through our friends, the Lovells, in Spain, the Coxes in Bolivia, the Parsons in Japan and the work of missionaries in South Asia (as well as many others). If you like, as you sign up to give, include all the names of the missionaries you would like to support (not just ours).

In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!"

Revelation 5:12