

Friendship

This month we were refreshed by the visit of Aussie friends, Josh and Jo and their three children. Although we see our friendships in Tanzania growing, they are still very basic (and foreign). So it was a real blessing to spend good time together with old friends!

It was especially delightful to watch our children play together, Harry loving his time with his 'bestest' friend Tom, and Miri playing princesses with Sophie, and even Sammy bullying little Christian (well that wasn't so great!).

Sometimes it helps to 'download', express our frustrations and joys, our concerns and to have a sounding board for our hopes and ideas for ministry here. So we thank God for this refreshment, and especially for the joy it brought our children.



Electricity

Tomorrow will be three weeks since we've had electricity. 200 metres of cable was burnt out next door (though only affecting the college). There is an ongoing dispute over blame, and it will be a very long time before the wires are replaced. We stopped using our fridge and dropped off clothes at friends houses for washing. Printing class notes was pretty difficult as well!

Thanks to the generosity of CMS supporters we bought a generator after 15 days (if you want to help, email us). But we can only run it for a few hours a day or every other day. As you can imagine we thoroughly enjoyed our hot showers! Please pray for our electricity to be restored and for ongoing relationships with our neighbours, that they would 'see our good deeds and glorify God'.

Prayer

- ★ Thank God for further language progress, and the way this has opened up many more opportunities for discussion.
- ★ Thank God that he continues to sustain us, and abundantly provide even through all the different stresses and problems of living here.
- ★ Please pray for a good resolution to the college's electricity problems.
- ★ Please pray that God would keep showing us where we can do good work in teaching and in other ministries, and that he'd enable us to do it.
- ★ Pray that God would glorify his son through all that is done here at Munguishi by his servants, weak and fallible though we are.



Monday night dinners with students

Assurance

God has graciously guided some of our conversations with students to discover a really deep and foundational problem in Christian thinking here. Just over half our students have any sort of assurance of salvation, and many of those base that assurance on their works to please God. It seems that there is a misunderstanding of what grace is and how a Christian lives his or her life in freedom, being led by the Spirit. Thank God that we have opened this up, and pray for wise words, soft hearts and the 'blessed assurance' that Christ's once for all death brings.



A visit to Maasai friends with our Aussie friends



"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:17