



CROSSING THE SEAS WITH THE CAPRARIS

Empowering Nationals to Expand the Church in Africa

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Five years ago, during Christmas week in the year 2016, we were in a northern region of Tanzania called Mwanza. We were celebrating Christmas with the local churches there with a rather large gathering



Church in Dar es Salaam which was planted about four years ago enjoying a time of worship.

which included lots of preaching, teaching, and worship sessions. The worship leader who was leading us was invited by our fellow GMI missionary, Method Mwendapole, who came up from the southern regions of Tanzania for this ministry opportunity. On one of the last nights of the conference, this worship leader was also asked to preach, and did an excellent job. To say the least, we were impressed by this young man, Isack.

The very next day we had the opportunity to talk with him about ministry. He was encouraged and

inspired. The next week he returned home and carried on with his work in the High School where he taught Swahili and History. Meanwhile, he started a Bible Study, which quickly turned into a church plant, which then quickly grew out of the facility they were renting. So they acquired property and built a church for the community of believers in the Katavi Region, which was a new region for the association of churches (Kanisa la Neema) with whom we partner in Tanzania. Praise God for how a conversation can lead to a church being planted!

Now the year is 2022 and Isack and his family are serving in another



Jael and some friends from church while Naomi visits with the pastor's wife!

northern region of Tanzania, called Tanga. The difference with this region is that it is a coastal city with a heavy Islamic influence. Isack and family have been serving in this city for over a year now and have established many relationships with Muslim neighbors. They are reading through the Bible with a few of



Isack Mzaliwa and family who now serve amongst Muslim communities in the Tanga region.

them, and using his educational background to impact the community. Please pray that God continues to use Isack and his family to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the Muslim communities of the region of Tanga.

Our mission here in Tanzania has remained the same from the time we were sent out in 2016: to empower nationals to expand the church in Africa. We believe that God is raising up Africans to bring the gospel to places and parts of Africa that





have yet to hear and/or believe the good news about Jesus Christ. Isack is one of those Africans participating in this mission, and we believe there are many more who only need to be empowered and equipped. Please

for so many to partner in this ministry through their encouragement, affirmation, prayer, and financial gifts.

Upon arrival back to Tanzania we were thrilled to see the new church plant we worked with in Dar es Salaam thriving. The church continues to grow, not only physically (growth in numbers) but also spiritually. In the coming months we plan to be very intentional with this church, especially with the pastor and his wife. Please pray for Naomi as she disciples the pastor's wife, as the pastor is currently studying at a Bible School in a different region.

erbs 16:9). This is an encouraging sign, as we know that God is the one who brings a ministry plan/course to fruition. Please continue to partner with us as we pursue together this course that has been set



Traveling back to Tanzania in November after home assignment.



It was special for our kids to get to know some of their cousins while on home assignment in the States!

pray for us as we begin another mission training module this year to prepare more Africans to bring the gospel to Unreached People Groups.

We had a very special and full experience in the USA from July-November in 2021. It was a blessing to see many of our family and friends whom we had not seen for years. More importantly, they got to see/meet our wonderful four girls. We also had the opportunity to share with God's people about what He is doing in Tanzania. We are thankful to have shared with so many, and

of ministry. As a family we continue to be available and willing to do the work God has for us in this part of the world. We believe that the Holy Spirit has inspired vision within our hearts as we have planned our course, specifically as we empower and equip Africans to bring the gospel to Islamic Unreached People Groups (less than 2% Christians within their people group). Since the time we have set this course, God has continued to establish our steps as we pursue this plan (Prov-



Back to Tanzania, time to go shopping for produce in the market!

We feel extremely privileged and full of excitement as we look forward to the coming season

before us, to play a role in bringing the gospel to these people groups without access to it. Currently we have sent out four different families throughout Tanzania working in these communities (Zanzibar, Tanga, Pwani, and Dodoma), establishing their families and ministries as lights in darkness. In the coming years we anticipate training and sending many others like these who have gone before. The training will not only be theoretical, but very practical as we send students to experience ministry in Muslim contexts, even in some of these places where we have already sent cross-cultural workers. Please pray for us and our team as we plan, prepare, and facilitate this missions program.

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