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## *life and ministry in Tanzania*

### *Christmas music on and suitcases open!!*

**I have some exciting news!** My Granddaughter Julia is getting married in Denmark. Like all of my son David and his wife Joyce's girls, Julia was raised in Tanzania and attended an amazing Christian school. The school was a perfect fit, with one catch... all subjects were taught in Danish! So... they found a tutor to help the girls and all three now have Danish as their second language. Years later, Julia went uptown to a Danish language Bible study and met the Danish man leading the Bible study (a missionary to the nomadic tribes), and the rest is history! I am thankful that our entire family will be traveling to Denmark to help celebrate this wonderful event!

This year has been rather unusual for me. In May I traveled to the States with my son Dan and my daughter-in-law Tina and was able to visit so many friends and grandchildren. While staying with my daughter, I decided to have an x-ray taken of my painful right shoulder. I had trouble with this shoulder ever since our big German shepherd knocked me down on the beach four years ago! It turned out the only remedy was a total shoulder replacement which took place on September 8th. The surgery went well and I'm thankful that it's getting better every day, although the physical therapy is somewhat painful. While I was being careful with my shoulder, I had another mishap when our three German shepherds, who were excited after completing a three-mile walk, accidentally ran me over! Thankfully, I'm now at the tail end of a four-week recovery from a sprained ankle just in time for the Denmark trip.

One of the things we were able to get done this summer while I was in Ohio with my family was going through six big trunks of pictures from our collection, some dating back to when I was two years old. **It made me realize how long I have lived on the African continent!** It was exciting to essentially re-live the missionary experiences that now span into the fourth generation. Uncovering the treasured pictures, slides, and videos has sparked many wonderful memories and stories that Dan has committed to recording as digital video files. **We are blessed to now have pictures to match the memories!**



Family Photo  
From the 1970s

Moyer Family  
1984



In the early  
days,  
airplanes were  
the best way to  
transport our  
family



← An Old Family Photo

Our First Term as Missionaries in 1962



It's been good being back in Tanzania again, meeting various church leaders who often ask for advice and help as planting season is upon us! **It's a wonderful privilege to help in such profound ways as their gardens represent a year's food supply!**

Another wonderful encouragement was receiving a visit from my Grace Ministries International (GMI) colleagues, Ted and Kim Rabenold as well as Operations Director Dwayne Huff from the GMI home office. **It's been a long while since I last connected with colleagues in my Tanzanian home.**



**Several construction projects to make life easier for me in the African bush have been progressing well and are almost finished.**

With a new bridge for safely crossing the river designed by David and Julia completed and Dan overseeing the addition of a new main floor bedroom for me this past month, I'm ready to "hit the ground running" into the New Year (hopefully not literally)!



May God grant you all a wonderful holiday season as you remember and reflect on what Christ's birth means in the crazy world we live in!

God bless,

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