



Dear friends,

How are you? We are grateful for each one of you and your faithfulness throughout the years we have been serving in Tanzania. In 1991, we traveled to Africa with our one-year-old son. So much has happened in our lives and your lives over the past thirty-four years. ***So, here is my question...are you as joyful today as you were thirty-four years ago?***

In Matthew 14:29, Christ asked Peter to get out of the boat and come to him on the water. In the pre-dawn light, Christ was walking on the water coming towards the disciples' boat. The wind was blowing hard, and frankly, ***No One*** ever walked on water before. Peter told Christ, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Christ responded with one word, "come." When Peter stepped out of the safety of the boat, he stayed safe while he was focused on Christ. As soon as he shifted his focus from Christ to the wind, he began to sink. Peter's focus was of utmost importance. ***This is the message we have been challenging our discipleship team with.*** It is a message that is essential to JOY. The message of Christ is a message of Joy.

Certainly, we will all experience times of grieving and sadness, but we shouldn't be identified by that. In Psalms 30:5 we read, "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." ***Sadness is temporary.*** Due to Christ's sacrifice, God has forgiven us and given us a ***great hope***, which is like an anchor for our souls. Due to God's generosity, Joy is permanent!

We love the work that we do in Tanzania, which is focused on discipling the men and women we live and work with. The Rukwa region, where we are based, is extremely agrarian, and over ninety percent of the people living there are farmers. We embrace farming as well as utilizing local resources like clay and honeybees to equip our Tanzanian discipleship team to be salt and light to their communities.

Exciting things that have happened recently:

- We added two more young men and one woman to our discipleship team. Jofree, Faraja, and Adina are new to our "full-time" team and are doing well. Pray that God grows them both physically and spiritually so they can be salt and light to their communities.
- We held a beekeeper training at the end of May with ten beekeepers joining us for four days of training from three different regions of Tanzania.
- We had several visits from Rukwa Valley primary schools to our farm venue in the valley.
- Zedekiah Omindo, an incredible Kenyan Potter, friend, and co-worker from 2012-2014, came to train our new potters as well as to help us in the early stages of learning about our clay and glazes at our pottery studio.
- We dug and built a new fishpond, harvested last year's Tilapia, and "reseeded" our ponds with new fingerlings.
- We constructed an apartment over our pottery studio for receiving guests.
- We replaced 800 fifth-generation papaya trees with new hybrid trees.

Love always, Ted and Kim Rabenold

See reverse for a pictorial update!

"Hebrews 12:2b "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."





Boaz, training children from the local primary school on the benefits of grafting fruit trees.



Building up the walls of our new fish pond utilizing interlocking compression bricks we made from soil and cement.



Construction on the apartment above our pottery studio.



Dulla and Elisa, working on the kick-wheels.



Harvest time from our fish ponds is a time of great joy for surrounding villages!



Heading out to harvest honey with our beekeeper trainees!



Zed, came from Kenya to help us establish our plateau studio, train potters and inspire Tanzanians in the profession of pottery.



Members of our discipleship team with a new variety of plantain bananas.



How can we ever thank you enough for your kind and faithful support? You are such an encouragement to both us and our discipleship team!