

## Youth Ministries in Tanzania



June 2016



**Photos above top to bottom:**  
*These Tanzanians had never been on an airplane before; participants in the pastors' conference; a session at the pastors' conference; Brook teaching at the Mbeya Youth Seminar.*

It is amazing to look back at what the Lord has been doing over the past several months. In the midst of the moment we forget to see the big picture and all that has taken place. I want to recap several things that have been going on here in Tanzania so that you can ***join me in praising the Lord for His amazing work.***

We had a great Youth Conference in September. We taught about God's love which saves us, how we cannot be separated from it, how we in turn should love others, *True Love Waits*, and what love looks like in marriages.

In January, we met with Youth in the Mbeya Region and taught a seminar on the same curriculum from camp last year- Doctrines of the Faith. They were excited to learn and had more questions than time allowed. How wonderful to have a panel of pastors and teachers to help answer these questions and to help ground the Youth in the truth.

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In February, I was in Dar es Salaam working on the new visa requirements for Tanzania. Thankfully, mine was processed relatively quickly – only two months. Many others have waited much longer. It was fun to have a group of Tanzanians fly there with me and experience an airplane ride, the ocean, a ferry ride, and the big city they hear so much about.

In April, my parents and Craig McDonald came to help lead a pastors' conference. What an answer to prayer this event was! Many of you sent funds that helped transport more than 100 pastors and their wives to the seminar. What an encouragement it was for these ministers to be fed, encouraged, and reminded of things they had learned before. We were able to put together a worship team of students from previous Worship Seminar years and they encouraged all in attendance.

In May, we hosted a team of worship students from Grace Bible College. They did a wonderful job running the Worship Seminar here.

We had students from more than 16 different local churches. What a blessing for all involved! I was grateful for the help of coworkers in hosting these teams and transporting them to and fro.

That was a quick checklist of events in my life recently. **Can't you see the Lord at work in these things! Praise His Name!** For those of you who are on my email update list you are getting these detailed reports as things happen. I also have used my blog to post lots of pictures of these events. I encourage you to take time to check it out:

[www.yieldtogod.blogspot.com](http://www.yieldtogod.blogspot.com)

**I am thankful for a great team of Youth Leaders with whom I work.**

We had a meeting in October and it was such a blessing to not waste time on little details from the past but to work with people who already know the ministry and vision. We set future goals and they are working hard to accomplish these goals. In all of these events these men have helped teach, preach, and manage things. They spend time buying corn and running to a grinding machine daily. They run to the local market to find onions and tomatoes and green vegetables. I take their lists to town and get the flour, sugar, oil, and other necessary ingredients.

Last year they tediously met with pastors and elders in regional meetings to encourage them to have Youth Bible Studies in their local churches and to appoint someone who would be leading their youth on a regular basis in spiritual matters. Some pastors and elders still find this a foreign concept and are slow to appoint a Youth Teacher, but more and more are catching the vision. This spring Pastor Jericho, Pastor Uziel, and Pastor Marko traveled to three different regions to train these Youth Leaders. They gave them basic tools and job descriptions for their ministries in their local churches. How amazing it is that more churches are getting on board and I didn't have to do any of this work! These Youth Department leaders did the work and texted reports to me!

**Thanks so much for all of you who faithfully pray for and follow this ministry.** We are about to enter our camp season right now. June 8 the counselors arrive for training and we finish our last day of camp on July 1. The theme this year is, "Be Brave," as we study the armor of God. **Pray for energy, plans, and travel safety. Pray for the team from the U.S.** who arrive the end of May. Another couple of groups of visitors will be coming this way in July. This is a full year of teams, blessings, and encouragement!

Remember to pray for us every time you see the YIELD sign!



Brook Seekins

P.S. If you are not currently receiving regular e-mail updates about all that is going on here in Tanzania, please sign up on my blog: [www.yieldtogod.blogspot.com](http://www.yieldtogod.blogspot.com).



*Leaders of the Youth Department overseeing Youth ministries of the 70 Grace Churches in Tanzania*



*Bass Class at the Worship Seminar*



*Worship Seminar staff and students*