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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Grace and peace to you. I am grateful for the opportunity to share this update with you and hope this letter finds you well. I have seen the hand of God at work among the women here in Tanzania, and I invite you to rejoice with me in what the Lord is doing here. Many of the women we work with in Tanzania face challenges in their homes and communities. We praise God that through regular fellowship, prayer, and encouragement, they are finding strength to walk faithfully with the Lord.

As we pass the halfway point of 2026, I am constantly reminded of God's faithfulness as I gather with women across Tanzania to encourage and equip them for life and ministry. Many of the women we minister to carry heavy burdens as they deal with the reality of poverty, family struggles, and unhealthy cultural expectations. As we meet together with women through our conferences and weekly Bible studies, they are discovering the strength that comes from fellowship, prayer, and the Word of God.

In our meetings, I have seen women lifted from despair into hope. Some who once felt voiceless are now sharing testimonies of God's provision. Others, who struggled with discouragement, are finding courage to stand firm in their faith. Truly, the Spirit of God is at work among us.

In late February and again in mid-March, I met with a group of women in the city of Mbeya where I live, to pray, plan, and strategize for an impactful year of ministry. In April, we began implementing our plans with visits to several communities where women were struggling and needed to be reminded that God still loves them and cares for them. Our focus for these visits was on women who had lost loved ones and those who were overcoming other types of adversity and needed a fresh start in life.

One of the women we spent time with was a woman named Jane. Jane is married to a man named Davi, and they have two children. Jane was very committed to sharing the gospel and was very active in the Women of Good News ministry. Their marriage seemed to be going well, and they had a peaceful household for a long time. Then, without warning, her husband, Davi, sold their home without informing her and moved to Zambia, leaving his family behind. Jane was not aware that their home had been sold until the purchasers arrived and forced her and her children to move out. Jane was overwhelmed by the loss of her home and her husband, and it nearly destroyed her faith. She stopped attending church and our women's gatherings. We praise God that now, after a lot of encouragement, visits with her, and reminding her that God still cares for her, she has started to regain her faith. Please join us in praying for her and her family.



Jane & Sophia

Another woman known as Mama Prince recently lost her husband, Amon, who passed away, leaving her with three children. They were very poor, and their life together was difficult even before Amon's death. With Mama Prince's support, Amon sought an opportunity to better provide for their family by completing driving school. By God's grace, Amon was employed as a government driver, and their lives began to turn around.

Tragically, soon after their lives began to improve, Amon was involved in a car accident and died at the scene of the crash. Mama Prince gave up on life after her husband's death. She completely lost her faith, and her health quickly deteriorated. During this time, my friend, Mrs. Simayi, and I had the opportunity to visit her and encourage her through sharing the Word of God and praying with her. These visits continued regularly for the next several months, and we praise the Lord that her spirit and faith have been restored, and we are enjoying renewed fellowship together with her.

Serving the Lord in ministry in Tanzania is not without its challenges. At times, the needs feel overwhelming, and the distance from my own kids weighs heavily on me. Yet, I am sustained by the joy of seeing lives transformed. I thank God for calling me to serve here, and I trust Him daily for guidance and provision.

Finally, I want to share what happened at a recent women's conference held in the town of Mbalizi from June 19th to the 21st. During the conference, three women surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. Please join me in praising the Lord for these women's decisions to follow Jesus, and pray that they would grow in their relationship with Him.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY WITH ME:

- That women here would grow in confidence and know their value in Christ.
- That God would provide resources for discipleship and practical support.
- That I would remain steadfast and encouraged in this calling.
- That God would continue to bless me with good health.

I am deeply grateful for your partnership in my ministry in Tanzania through your faithful prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Together, we are part of God's work of renewal in Tanzania.

With love and gratitude from Tanzania,

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