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DEAR PRAYER PARTNERS,

Greetings to you all in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. By the mercies of the Lord, I am humbled to have this opportunity to share with you the wonderful things that the Lord has done here in Tanzania through His grace.

Beloved friends and prayer partners, through His strength, I have continued to teach the Word of God to women within our Grace Ministries International (GMI) affiliated churches in Tanzania. **The Women of Good News ministry was introduced here to help strengthen the churches in our region and reach women from all walks of life who are eager to learn about God and grow in a relationship with Him.** In addition to encouraging spiritual growth, women are also taught life skills, principles for developing a Christ-honoring marriage, entrepreneurship, and healthy living skills. We have continued to hold prayer meetings every Friday, which the Lord is using to strengthen the faith of the women who participate. Many women make an effort to bring a friend to the meetings, which is very encouraging.

In our effort to strengthen fellowship among the women in our churches in Tanzania, several women's conferences are organized in various locations each year. Last July, a conference was held in the region of Kaengesa in a village called Kazikatonto that is about 350 km from where I live in Mbeya. This meeting took place over three days, with over eighty women gathered to learn about what it means to be a woman of God. In August, I was privileged to participate in a seminar in the town of Matema, where seventy-eight women were in attendance.

Another women's conference was held in Ngoma village for five days last October. The conference served as an inspiration for many women as they were able to see how the Lord has changed the lives of women who had lost hope. The meetings served as a platform for more women to express their thoughts and share their gratitude for this ministry. The conference in October brought together another eighty-six women.

The purpose of all these conferences is to encourage women to be proactive and innovative in their efforts to alleviate poverty in their families and to guide them in their journey as Christian women. As I travel around southwestern Tanzania to meet with women in different communities, they are encouraged to live their lives for Christ.



In addition to reaching women in our churches and communities, we are excited to share with you that our ministry is expanding to reach and share the gospel with women who are in prison and in desperate need of hearing Christ's message of redemption and forgiveness. Through our research, we found that women who are behind bars often lose hope and need God's grace and mercy to make it through their sentence and have a desire to continue living. This new outreach ministry was recently featured in the 2025 - 2026 GMI Giving Opportunities catalog, and we are thankful for each of you who contributed to this project.

Brethren, I am most thankful that you always remember me in your prayers, as evidenced by the way God continually provides me with His strength and guidance. Please continue to uphold me in your prayers for the Lord's guidance in my life, and for safety and good health as I serve the Lord and His people here in Tanzania.

I will close my letter with an update on my family. **I am pleased to share with you that I was recently blessed with a new granddaughter born to my son Frank and his wife.** I praise God that this precious baby girl is doing very well, and thank Him for the most wonderful Christmas present that one can receive from the Lord! My duties as a grandmother have again increased, and I ask that you join me in praying that the Lord grants me wisdom and good health so I can continue to help with my grandchildren. I am also delighted to inform you that my daughter, Cecilia, is now in college. She is currently in the city of Dar-es-Salam doing her first year at the Institute of Finance Management. I praise God for her as she begins this next step in her life.

Please continue to pray for the ministry here in Tanzania and that peace would prevail in our country following the tumultuous general elections last fall. There has been a lot of confusion and chaos following the elections in some regions of the country, with many people still missing. We rejoice that we have hope in Jesus Christ and pray that He will bring peace and safety to the citizens of Tanzania.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I will never tire of thanking you for your prayers, financial support, and the encouraging words I receive from you. May the Lord bless you all as we begin a new year in 2026!

Blessings,

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