



CARAWAY JOURNEY

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*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.”*

Life on the African mission field, as well as life in America and elsewhere, can be full of difficult days, interruptions to well laid plans, and dealings with difficult people. Anyone who has visited our home knows that “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” is the song we sing together every morning before breakfast. It is a time for us to begin a new day and to remind ourselves that the difficult things of this earth are not as important as looking into the face of our Savior. It’s one of my favorite parts of the day! Come visit and sing with us!

Last spring we spent some time with family in the States and even had the opportunity for Luka to learn to ski. We arrived back in Tanzania on the 4th of July and hit the ground running. For 30 of the first 37 days back at Mumba, we had overnight guests in our home. We count it a privilege to be able to host fellow missionaries and other visitors to Tanzania.



*Michael, Tom, Dave, and Ken
during a planning session*



*Selling liquid soap made after
being trained at GCDE*



*Michael, Tom, Dave, and Ken
visiting the GCDE-trained artisans at a silo*

Grace Community Development and Education (GCDE) dedicated their new office building in Sumbawanga on August 11. It was an exciting day for everyone involved. Tom Thorburn, Dave Velting, and Ken Wieringa from Rush Creek Bible Church in Byron Center, Michigan, were here to participate in the dedication. These men are part of the North American Affiliate of GCDE which is involved in mentoring the GCDE board members (Tanzanians), as well as partnering in many of GCDE’s projects. Jeremy Clark, Executive Director of Grace Ministries International, also participated in the dedication along with many government and local leaders.

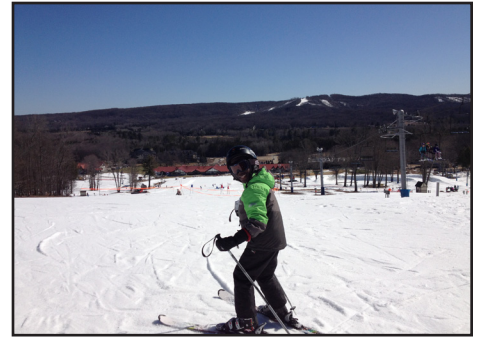
All those present that day saw examples of various projects and programs facilitated by GCDE to impact people’s lives. Dyed cloths, called batiks, were for sale by ladies who had learned to make



*Luka visiting his friends in Dar es Salaam:
Pacey, Andrew, and Heidi Miller*



*GCDE Executive Director Batister Mbwana
speaking at the dedication*



Luka trying his hand at downhill skiing

them through GCDE training. Liquid hand soap was being sold by people who had learned how to make it in a GCDE-sponsored class. A metal silo example was available to see from a training class last year. The Farming God's Way "show" garden at the front of the building was full of healthy corn, presenting a new farming method to those present. One of the farmers who has been participating in the training shared how his harvest has greatly increased since using these new methods. A businessman from Mbeya shared how the business training he has participated in with GCDE has helped to grow his business and allowed him, in turn, to train others through a business training manual he has written. We also heard from a 12-year-old girl who had cleft lip repair surgery four years ago that had been facilitated by GCDE. What a life-changing experience for her! Added to this was great music by two different choirs and a great meal of chicken, goat, and many other delicious food items.

It truly was a great day to give glory to God as we celebrated all that He has done through GCDE over the years and we shared plans for the future. Thank you so much to those of you who have supported our ministry and the ministry of GCDE. We are honored to be used by God in this way in Tanzania.

Lynn also attended a women's missionary conference in Israel with three other colleagues while Michael stayed home and tried his hand at homeschooling Luka for a few days. When she returned from her travels, we headed back to the orphanage to pick up a new baby to share Jesus' love with so we are helping her get chubby and healthy.

Thank you for partnering with us in various projects impacting people's lives now and for eternity. We appreciate your prayers, financial support, and encouragement so much.

With love from Africa,

Mike, Lynn, and Luka Caraway

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