

THE HODGSON HABARI

SERVING THE LORD IN TANZANIA

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Dear Friends,

Greetings once again from Mbeya, Tanzania. We had to say some difficult goodbyes this morning. Mike and Terese Benton have been missionaries here for 14 years, and this morning they left Mbeya on their way out of the country. Our field has lost a couple with integrity, grace, spiritual maturity, and discernment. Our family has lost dear friends and surrogate grandparents. Perhaps lost is too

strong a word, yet our hearts still ache without them here. We are thankful for their faithfulness, friendship, and service, and are excited to see what the Lord has in store for them.

Since writing in June, our lives have been a veritable whirlwind. I, Cory, have taken many trips to Mumba, Sumbawanga, and the Rukwa Valley visiting other missionaries and having meetings with church leaders. It was exciting to



Elijah and Timothy hanging out together!

welcome John and Naomi Caprari to Tanzania in July. Please **pray** for them as they are currently in language school in the town of Iringa.

During all of our travels, our house has been very busy with guests coming and going. Many days were filled with food preparation and cleanup, changing bedding, washing towels, and preparing copious amounts of delicious Mbeya coffee. We thank the Lord for granting us patience and endurance as we show His love to our guests through hospitality.

As my Swahili improves, I find myself enjoying preaching in a number of different churches of differing

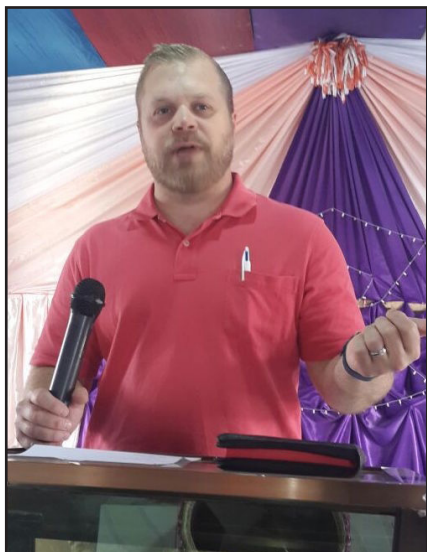


Timothy hitching a ride with his friend Nadia

denominations. I see these as excellent missionary opportunities as I am able to preach the Gospel of the grace of God to people who may have never before heard it. Please **pray** that these opportunities will continue to arise and that I will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

On the 8th of September we welcomed recent Grace Bible College graduate Ellie Ratter to visit us in Mbeya for three months. Her main focus is helping Kim with homeschooling Naomi and Elijah. Please **pray** for her as she adjusts to life and work here, and that we will be gracious hosts. Please **pray** for the kids as well as they adjust to a new teacher.

About one month ago, one of the local pastors knocked on our door with some corrected Bible lessons from the prison. He told me that there were several inmates on



Cory preaching



Naomi enjoying the annular eclipse near Mbeya

death row, and some of them had the chance to do the introductory Bible lesson, which clearly and succinctly explains the Gospel and the need for salvation. It humbled me and gladdened my heart to learn that these people, so far detached from society and the local church, knew of Jesus Christ and His ultimate sacrifice before they faced their earthly judgment.

The Grace Church of Tanzania is also in the process of attaining government permission to work within the prison system. One of our goals as missionaries is to entrust

and pass our ministries to local partners. It is encouraging to see their desire to meet the spiritual and physical needs of their incarcerated countrymen and women.

Prayer Requests:

- For the relationship between GMI and the local church
- For the Tanzanian Field as we are experiencing new transitions and personnel
- For the kids' schooling
- For safety while traveling
- For new teaching and preaching opportunities

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. You are a daily encouragement to us in our ministry in southwestern Tanzania. We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

In His Service,
Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah,
and Timothy Hodgson



The annular eclipse