

Prayer Letter

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Important Info...
All packages that are mailed to the P.O. Box must be 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller. Letters are very much appreciated as I can read them over and over again.

Karubuni

Hello Family & Friends,
Vipi hali? [Vee-pee hal-ee - how are you?] Habari za ukai? [habaree za ukay - How are things at your place?] I'm doing well here. Thank you to all of you for your continued prayers and support! Your letters have been very encouraging to me and it has been a great pleasure

getting to know some of you better and answer your questions.

I know my newsletters have been lengthy (my apologies – there's so much to tell!), hopefully this one proves a bit shorter – **mostly pictures this time**. Thank you again for your faithfulness to our (yours and mine) ministry.

Village Healthcare



Momma Saidi and children in to see Dr. Joel

In December the mission doctor who does monthly village clinics returned from furlough. Recently, Dr. Joel, a missionary physician with YWAM, resumed his work here with the help of a few on our team. Tim & Emily's front porch/yard became a waiting room and their living room transformed into an exam room and dispensary.

Once Dr. Joel had completed his exam and given instructions to many of our neighbors Emily would pray with



Paulina dispensing medicine. Behind her is the start of the que.

them. Meanwhile, Tim was able to talk with all those waiting in line – he was so excited!! Before the arrival of our team Tim & Emily were Dr. Joel's only help so praying and talking with patients wasn't possible. Tim "quizzed" them about the recent evangelistic team that had been preaching in our villages and was able to find out what they learned as well as what they thought about it all. We spent Friday afternoon seeing about 40 or so neighbors and returned at 8a.m. Sat. morning for home visits.

Healthcare cont'...



Dr. Joel in background. Paulina & I dispensing meds out of the back of the Rover.



A close-up. (I think this would be illegal back home....kind of fun really!)

Prior to the clinic many of my immediate neighbors came down with pink eye. I carried medicine back from Tim's and helped treat them. Guess what they gave me?! (see photo) I teased them and told them they gave me a very bad gift. I'm praying that even battling pink eye alongside them will somehow glorify God and close the gap a little more between us.



Please continue to be in prayer for our team, the Zaramo, and God's work here.

Could be worse.....(I think what's worse is that this photo looks like a mug shot ☹)



close-up

Relationships . . .

Our team continues to spend a great deal of time developing relationships and much has become of it! Duane's language helper Rashidi (Rasheedee) has asked to learn about the Bible, AND Paulina's good friend Momma Halima has expressed an interest and has agreed to talk about some things after we return from town. Halima, my good friend and daughter to Momma above,

and I are hanging out a lot. I'm teaching her to pray before eating (amongst other things!). She loves to come and sit on our porch and call out, "wazungu" (white foreigner). **(see photos below)** I have such a heart for these beautiful children! I also continue to spend time with Dulla my 11-year-old neighbor behind us (he's the one who helped me re-screen my door – see Jan newsletter).



She marveled at the discovery of my mirror. Cute!



Halima & I getting our legumes ready to cook; sitting on my mat in the living room.

Cooking our legumes! They were yummy too.

Relationships . . .

As well, I'm privileged to be able to spend time with our friend and house helper Salome. Salome cannot read or write (YET!) but has a desire to learn English. So, I'm teaching her to read and write using the Bantu alphabet first; my desire is that she'll be able to read the Bible to herself. Unfortunately, I have to constantly re-

mind myself that 'q' & 'x' don't exist and 'l', 'r', and the vowels sound differently – a = ah, e = a, i = e, u = oo. (see photos below) Recently, we were asked to think about praying more specifically for a few folks in our direct circle of influence. I'm praying for Bibi Shaibo, Bibi Heli, Momma Sudi, Mwanaisha, Amina (15), Dulla (11), and Halima (3)



Salome & I in my living room.



Me and Salome

Update: Bibi Sudi finally received the testing she needed in Dar es Saalam (see Jan newsletter). Unfortunately, it revealed that she has bladder cancer. The government hospital was unable to test her and treat her as needed so she has been in the care of a private hospital and docs. But, the cost for this is impossible for the family to cover and instead two members of our team are paying the expenses personally. The most cost-efficient, yet safe and reliable hospital that is able to do the surgery is several hours away. Please pray for wisdom in knowing how to get her there and a trustworthy individual to carry the necessary cash as well as lodging for this person.

Praises

- Dulla continues to faithfully come for his Bible lessons
- Our deepened relationships with each other and our Zaramo friends
- We survived 6 months!!
- Some of the team had an opportunity to pray with B. Sudi
- Rumor has it that Paulina and I are going to get a cat! – goodbye rats....(but we still need 2 more cats)
- Duane & Tanya had an article of clothing stolen from their home and we've had a break-in in our neighborhood recently. Yet, no one was harmed or threatened!
- Our summer temps haven't been too bad yet.



Prayer Requests

- LaJabu would be committed to consistent Bible lessons & he and Tim's schedules work out
 - Dullas's wife would come to know the Lord
 - Growth and maturity for the 7 who recently professed faith in Christ with the evangelistic campaign.
 - Continue to pray for team unity – we all only met 7 months ago and we live and work together daily
 - Each of us on the team would daily grow and mature in our walk with the Lord
 - I would be less and less critical and that I would understand where that comes from
 - The married couples on our team continue to deepen their relationship with one another and their families remain united
 - Homesickness & culture shock – historical
- we are in the worst phase
 - B. Shaibo, B. Heli, M. Sudi, Mwanaisha, Amina, Dulla, & Halima – that the Lord would pour Himself out to them through me
 - B. Sudi to be healed
 - A young man named Dogo to have healing for a bad wound.

*Pray for wisdom,
courage and
strength.*

*In Him,
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Pictures below are of Dogo's wound he received from falling and piercing his leg with a stick over a month ago. Poor village clinic care & an infection caused the wound to get worse. It isn't too bad to look at unless you're squeamish.



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