



*December 2015*

*Larson Mission Update*

# GIVE THANKS

*in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thankfulness and gratitude are evidence of grace received from God. We are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). As a result we receive forgiveness of our sins, the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit to empower and guide us, and the promise of eternal life in the presence of the Lord. Absolutely amazing and certainly worthy of our extreme gratitude; but it does not end there...

James 1:17 reminds us that *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."* When we meditate on all that we have received as gifts from the Lord, all we can do is respond in gratitude and praise to Him. We would like to use this newsletter to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Lord for all He has done for us.

***"Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!"***  
**2 Corinthians 9:15**

As we reflect over the past year of our ministry work in Tanzania, our hearts are overflowing with thanksgiving and gratitude for the amazing grace, mercy, and love we have received from our generous God. The Lord has been so faithful in providing for us, protecting us, leading and guiding us, and bringing forth lasting fruit in our ministry. We thank the Lord for the Tanzanian ministers He has called to serve with Intensive Care Ministries-Tanzania. These men and women of God continue to bless and encourage us with their humility, faithfulness, service, discipline, and hard work. It never ceases to amaze us how willing they are to endure hardships to take our teaching to the farthest reaches of the country and beyond.

***"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."***  
**1 Thessalonians 5:24**

We are also deeply grateful for those in the U.S. who have encouraged and blessed us as we have spent time here on furlough. Each of you has touched our hearts and reminded us how important it is to have supporters

**Greeneville, TN**



here praying, encouraging, and providing resources for our work in Tanzania. We could never serve the way we do without faithful and committed men and women of God interceding for us, loving us, and providing for our care. You are just as important to the work in Tanzania as we are! And we truly mean that. A number of you have even experienced attacks from the enemy just because you decided to take a stand for us.

***"For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God."***  
**1 Thessalonians 3:9**

We believe that God's work done God's way to His glory will never lack God's resources. We are constantly overwhelmed with love and gratitude for those of you who have taken the step of providing financial and material resources to partner with us in the Lord's work. When people make the sacrifice to give in this way, it really touches our hearts and sometimes causes us to feel unworthy and undeserving, but then the Lord steps in and reminds us it is about Him, not us...He is worthy, He is deserving! It truly is all about Him. Amen to that!

***"Let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,"***  
**says the LORD."**  
**Jeremiah 9:24**

As we have seen the Lord expand and grow the ministry in ways we could never have imagined, we are left to just stand in amazement at His inexplicable grace, mercy,

love, and faithfulness. One of the primary goals of the ministry and our lives centers on a deep desire for others to see the Lord's hand at work both in and through us as we do His work. Each time we stand before a congregation or attend a life group to give a report on it, our ultimate purpose is to boast about Him so that others may see and experience His trustworthiness, love, and graciousness. This can also be dangerous territory for it is easy to accept praise from others for the Lord's accomplishments, but the glory must be His and His alone.

We thank the life groups that received and blessed us by allowing us to share about our great God and His great work. We also thank the churches that allowed us to teach on Sunday and share our ministry report so the beauty and power of God's Word and His work could shine forth to His glory. For the numerous individuals who shared their lives with us and blessed us with fellowship and a meal, we are grateful. We offer our sincere gratitude to the men's and women's groups who allowed us to share some of the material with them that we teach in Tanzania. For those youth and children who shared their enthusiasm for Jesus and their boundless energy with us, we thank you for helping us remain young at heart. We must also mention and thank the many unnamed individuals who pray and intercede for us each day, and for our precious family members who lovingly received us after our long absence—words cannot express our feelings of love and appreciation for you.

Snell Isle, St. Petersburg, FL



*"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!"*  
Psalm 105:1

South St. Petersburg, FL



Shore Acres, St. Petersburg, FL (L and R)



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# PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**Delicious Treats!**  
Our native ministers recently experienced what it is like to venture into a new culture and be offered food they aren't used to. While doing a seminar in a remote area of the country, the local cuisine included fried grasshopper ("senene" in Swahili) which they graciously accepted, prayed and partook of the meal.

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## PRAYER ITEMS

- We had a fantastic visit with all of our children and granddaughter, as well as Janice's parents, sister and one of Jim's brothers at Thanksgiving.
- We look forward to spending Christmas with Jim's family in North Carolina.
- Please pray for all the ICM-TZ ministers as they finish out their seminars for this year and reflect on the meaning of Christmas.