

HEART FOR AFRICA

"TRANSFORMING BIBLICAL PREACHING ONE PASTOR AT A TIME"

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***I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering,
bearing with one another in love,
endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:1-3***

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We had a team of two young women visit us for 2 weeks in August, and they accompanied us in every ministry opportunity we normally encounter. We want you to experience God's work through their eyes!

Megan's Story:

To be completely welcomed into another home, country and culture is humbling and a great reflection of what Christ-like love is. There are so many preconceived opinions about what a third-world country is. What these 2 weeks proved to be were periods of incredible fellowship, praise and time studying the Word. The greatest impression I was left with is how similar we all are in striving to know and understand God's word. We have different world experiences, expectations and understanding of how things should be, but Christ's sacrifice and truth is constant, and that is universal.



Speaking to university students

What will stick with me as a difference between the American and Tanzanian culture is how incredibly fortunate we are with our freedoms, education, and opportunities. What we take for granted as rights and entitlements are incredibly rare opportunities for many of them. Hearing their stories and learning about their dreams, especially of the youth, was incredible. They are no less passionate or driven, but what their world experiences have been are vastly different than ours. Seeing the ministries which the Larson's are doing to teach them about God's design for them and their lives was extremely encouraging.

Another striking aspect was the character and genuineness of the people we encountered. Though lacking in resources and finances, there was an abundance in

generosity and kindness. A lot of our interactions reminded me of Acts chapter 4 where all the believers were of one heart and shared everything. We were so blessed by them wanting to shower us with their own resources (time, food, music, gifts). That's something we would rarely get in the US when just visiting strangers. Their culture really embraces community and living together. In the US, we have so many distractions; it seems easy to lose sight of priorities and relationships. Where we see ourselves as "blessed" or "prosperous," it actually seems to take away from relationships and being able to love each other.

The ability to take part in so many different aspects of ministry, seeing the hunger and fire that the population has for learning God's truth, and meeting all of these amazing people will stick with me for life. We were truly blessed to be able to shadow the Larsons and see what work God can do through two obedient followers. I can't wait to visit again to see what is next for Intensive Care Ministries!



Sharing on Proverbs 31 at a women's seminar



Sharing on "careers" with secondary students

Gabby's Story

This trip was definitely out of my comfort zone. Going to a new country with a new friend and staying with people I did not know—without my husband! But God had it all under control. It was absolutely eye opening and amazing! I had always said I wanted to go on a mission trip, but never had the “right” time to do it. God knew the right time. I was able to experience so much—from a new culture to wonderful Bible teachings to awesome fellowship with great people. On top of that, I was able to see all the Larson's do with their ministries. They have a passion for Christ and doing His work. They truly are a blessing of God.



Teaching a “fist bump”



Movie night with the secondary students

The majority of people we came in contact with were excited to see new people in their country and so thankful they had visitors. Being welcomed into homes and villages as we were was humbling. It was always with open arms and gifts, even though most of them were really struggling financially. This shows how thankful they are to see that we are coming into their home and learning about their culture.

Something that really struck me was how much we take for granted our education system. We, as a society, are continuously arguing and fighting over which prestigious college we are going to attend, or what teacher we get in high school, or even who will be in our classes. None of

these are even thoughts of the students we encountered. Such a small number of children are even able to attend all of high school—let alone go to college. The programs the Larson's have started are greatly impacting these students and giving them hope, from the secondary school church service to university-bound “Training for Life” all the way to the Bible colleges. Talking with the youth and learning their dreams and life goals, and even hearing from those who were older who were simply trying to learn God's word so they can be a disciple and spread God's light throughout Tanzania was absolutely incredible and inspiring.



The Larson's “foster” grandchildren: Hadassah, Godsave, & Abigail



With some of the faithful secondary students who attend church each week.

I love the Mandisa song, “We All Bleed the Same!” There is truth in the lyrics saying it doesn't matter what color we are, what we wear, where we're from, or even how much we make as long as we have the common goal of serving the One and Only Jesus. I hope to incorporate some of the Tanzanian worship style that we were able to be a part of into our own church services. It was phenomenal to see how much they really love God. This experience has taught me to look at everything in a different perspective. Even though many youth and young adults said how much we touched their lives, they definitely blessed mine more. Thank you to Jim and Janice for all of the “disturbing” (Jim's favorite word!) that took place in my heart!

Catch up on our personal journey through our website news, and find many more pictures there.

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Pictures of the Month



(Left) Guest contributors this month:
Gabby & Megan
(Front cover) Gabby & Megan with a
local seamstress who made their skirts.



Local artists are plentiful here,
and this lion and elephant really stood
out among all the other paintings!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- PTL for a great 1st Bible College graduation ceremony in September, and for the help we received from a short-term team from a supporting church in NW Florida.
- We inaugurate the Mwanza Bible College campus October 3. First class runs from 3-12 October. Pray that all goes smoothly.
- We travel to a missions conference in Cyprus October 15-19. Pray for new ministry and personal relationships, and for us to hear from the Lord clearly as to new endeavors.
- Another year of working with the university-bound students is finished. Pray for them to remain strong in their faith as they are presented with the teachings of the world in their secular/university environments.