

PRAYER REQUESTS from the BANGSUNDS



August – September 2006

Dear friends: We are now back in Tanzania, after a series of wonderful July visits to family, friends and supporting congregations in California. We give thanks for all of you! What wonderful fellowship and encouragement.

1. WE GIVE THANKS for the months of safe travel this past summer, for good health, for the support of friends and family.
2. WE GIVE THANKS for how well all three of our children (and spouses) are doing. Again, it is Sharon that has occupied our attention the most recently with her new job (Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota). She has now moved into a small (small!!) apartment in Lauderdale, a small community on the St Paul/Minneapolis border just north of the missionary apartments where we stay when there.
3. WE PRAY FOR students heading toward Makumira to begin a new year. At this point it should be no surprise that we pray for their safety as they travel. Such things are not taken for granted here. Terrorists are not merely found threatening the safety of air travel. Some of them seem to be driving the buses of Tanzania!
4. WE PRAY FOR the successful beginning of a new/old program at Makumira. The Diploma Course, which had been sent off to regional "junior" seminaries has now come back to Makumira, and we are re-designing new classes and scrambling to have enough faculty. Jim found, upon arrival, that he is scheduled to teach a "Survey of the Old Testament" course to the first year students -- which will be a wonderful opportunity but will mean some scrambling in the next week.
5. WE PRAY FOR Randy and Carol Stubbs and their three children, volunteer missionaries who have just arrived (last night, as I write) to teach in the new music program. They are really neat people, and sold their home and car to come as volunteers. That's commitment!
6. WE PRAY FOR matters north of us and east of many of you -- the critical situation in the Middle East. I need say no more -- you know how to pray -- but the situation is a grievous one for all concerned, and we pray for all who struggle to live in that area -- for peace, for safety and security, for freedom from fear, for justice, for children to be raised whole and without hatred.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And we thank you, good friends, for your encouragement and prayer on our behalf!

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