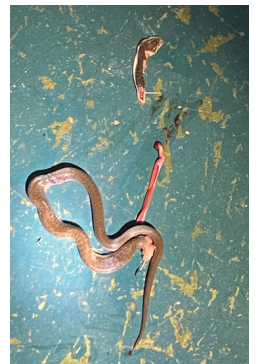




THE WRIGHT FAMILY

November and December were busy months for our family. First and foremost, we want to thank everyone for their prayers over the last couple months. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we had to make a last-minute decision to fly home to America to be with our families during difficult times. We were able to attend both the funeral of Lee's uncle and of his cousin, who unexpectedly passed away while we were in America. We were also able to spend some time with Tara's dad as he continues to battle cancer. While it was very difficult to see him in that condition, it was good that Tara was able to be there to help him and to stay in the hospital with him some. It lifted his spirits to see her and to spend time with the kids. He continues to fight the cancer, but his body is beginning to shut down in many areas. We ask that you please continue to keep him, Tara, and the rest of the family in your prayers.



The rainy season is in full swing in Chimala, and the view is beautiful. Green grass and trees everywhere! Although we frequently get caught out in the rain, and our shoes are always muddy, we are praising God for the beautiful sight the rain brings us. And with the rainy season, the snakes come slithering. We had our first snake in the house this month, a python. We walk through the kitchen a little more carefully now.

In the last newsletter we gave a few details about our plans to move the cattle on the mountain, Ailsa.

We are pleased to report that we have made significant progress towards this goal and will soon be moving the cattle. We currently have twenty-five cows, but have been to several auctions lately and, Lord willing, will be adding more to the herd very soon.

Lee also began teaching a new course this month at the preaching school. He will be teaching Christian foundational principles. We look forward to spending time with, and getting to know, the students over the next semester.



We want to extend an extra “thank you” to our supporters from a local family here at the mission. Jerry, the 8 year old son of Ezekiel, the mission’s farm manager, was experiencing extreme abdominal pain. The local hospital here in Chimala was unable to diagnose him. Lee took Ezekiel and Jerry to Ikonda, a hospital about four hours from Chimala. Hospitals here in Tanzania work a little different than in America. They generally won’t run tests on you unless you can pay for them. Because of your support, we were able to help the family out and pay for the tests that needed to be run on Jerry. Eventually they were able to diagnose him with typhoid, helicobactor pylori infection, and a vitamin deficiency, all causing serious damage to his guts. He got the antibiotics he needed and we are happy to report that he is once again healthy and up and running around! In fact, we were all able to gather to celebrate his birthday, along with his brother, Jason, at the end of the month. Without your financial support we would not have been able to help this family with medical costs. We, as well as the family, are truly thankful for your help!

Lee, on the other hand, is currently struggling with a health issue. Lee woke up at 2am on a Friday night with excruciating pain throughout his left arm. We could not find a cause for the pain, and thought it may have been a pinched nerve. A couple days later, his right arm was suddenly discolored (like a bruise, but with no pain or cause). Since it began (two weeks ago now) he has been to three hospitals, seen countless doctors, spent quite a bit of money, and still we have no answers. The pain has decreased slightly, and the right arm is almost back to normal color. However, there is still a significant amount of pain in his left arm and a couple of rashes, which have quickly become infected, have appeared. We still have no answers to the cause, so we ask that you please pray for his healing.



As you know, there is another American family serving as missionaries here on the mission, the Ferguson family. We are thrilled to announce that the Ferguson's welcomed the newest member of their family, Ava Jane, on December 18th. She is a happy, healthy, beautiful little girl and we are so thankful for her safe arrival.

As always, we want to thank you for your continued support. We appreciate each of you and your prayers more than we can say.

In Christian Love,
Lee, Tara, Emily, & Brody Wright

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