



# THE WRIGHT FAMILY

April has quickly come and gone and left many memories in its wake. There are many congregations in our region of Tanzania, and this month we have had the opportunity to visit with a couple. It's always a pleasure to worship with our brothers and sisters around the country and, hopefully, encourage them to keep doing great work for the Lord.

At the beginning of the month, we visited the Uyole congregation. Both Nathan and Lee were able to preach, and the brethren were very encouraged. We also visited with the Forest Park congregation in Mbeya and Lee and Nathan were able to preach there, as well. Niko, Ezekiel's brother, worships with this congregation. It was wonderful to see his family again, and to meet their newest little one.

Lee has also had the opportunity to preach a few lessons here at home in Chimala, both in chapel and worship. We love when the students from the secondary school are able to attend class with us. They sing loud and proud and are very encouraging to us all.



Chapel at the Shop



Chimala Kanisa la Kristo



Forest Park Kanisa la Kristo



Uyole Kanisa la Kristo



Chimala School of Preaching

We have been blessed to have two baptisms at Chimala and several studies are currently taking place. Please keep these efforts in your prayers.

Lee continues to teach his class on Practical Christianity with the Chimala School of Preaching students for a few more weeks. This has been a great opportunity for our family, as we all attend Lee's class and study along with the students. They will soon have a short break before gearing up for the summer series. In June, Chimala hosts a men's seminar, a women's seminar, and a youth seminar. We are VERY excited to be a part of these seminars this year and ask that you keep these works in your prayers. As you probably know, there is a lot of work that goes into events like these, and the brethren have been hard at work preparing already. In addition, July hosts a campaign done by the preaching school students where they go into neighboring villages and communities to preach. This is always a great work, but requires lots of study and preparation. Again, please keep these works in your prayers.

# Farm Report

We are pleased to report that the cattle operation has been running very smoothly. We were able to attend an auction this month and get a few more cows. We now have a total of 29 cattle, with 9 being pregnant. Paulo has been taking great care of them, and they are looking nice and fat. While that may not sound like a big deal, here it is a great accomplishment. Often the cattle here appear thin and sickly. But up on Ailsa, they are fat and healthy! Paulo is doing a great job!

In addition to the 29 we currently have, we plan to buy six more at the next auction. We have been racking our brains trying to come up with ways to purchase more cattle. Recently, we were able to fix up one of the old farm trucks and sell it, giving us the money we needed to buy the last round of cattle. If you are interested in helping with this specific cost, either as a congregation or individually, please let us know! Cattle are currently running at about \$300 USD a head. The land on Ailsa is fertile and has shown to be great for the cattle growth. We are excited to pursue the goal of providing support from the mission, for the mission; ultimately, helping it to become self-sufficient.



## Life in Chimala

While there are sometimes odd obstacles to face (like the fact that the stores suddenly stopped carrying conditioner for the girls), life in Chimala is generally very peaceful and simple. We've enjoyed a little more rain this month, but it will soon stop as the dry season begins, so we've enjoyed every bit we can.

This month we also learned how to roast our own coffee beans. We have several locally grown coffee beans and Nathan taught us how to roast them. They are delicious!

Brody's chickens are growing and doing well. Every morning, he gets up and feeds them, often with "help" from Janaya. But, he has had to start locking their feed up, because the monkeys have figured out how to get in the fence and open the tote holding the feed. Who knew monkeys ate chicken feed?!

As you may be able to tell from our pictures, we have really enjoyed having Janaya with us during the day most days. She thinks she's ready for a Texas visit in Lee's cowboy boots. 😊



We had matching dresses made for the girls this month. Kristi and Tara picked out material and asked a local member to make them. While this might have cost a lot in the states, it was surprisingly cheap here. To buy material, make Emily's skirt, and make Janaya's dress, the total cost was about \$13. Can't beat that deal!



Not all was fun this month though! While the dentist is very impressed with how well Emily's braces have done over the last few months, she had a concern about an impacted tooth, where a baby tooth never fell out. She consulted with an orthodontist from Dar es Salaam, who agreed to come down and do a tooth extraction on the baby tooth. They do not use gas here, just local anesthetics. For a girl who is scared of needles, this was not good news. However, despite a few side glances at mom that weren't very nice, she braved it wonderfully.

Thank you to those who prayed for her during the procedure and have been praying for a quick recovery since. She truly appreciates you!

## Special Prayer Request

Before we close out this month's newsletter, we have a prayer request. As you know, Tara's dad has been fighting stage 4 lung cancer for some time now. Unfortunately, he has gotten worse and hospice has been called in. The cancer has spread and he is constantly in a state of confusion. He will not receive anymore treatments, or have any more scans. He may soon have to be placed in a hospice facility, as his caregivers can not physically lift him and he often does not recognize them.

Shortly after receiving this news, Tara also learned that her grandma (dad's mom) has been placed in the ICU. She fell and broke her neck and 4 ribs! As you can imagine, this is not an ideal time for her to be stuck in the hospital.

One of the hardest parts of being an overseas missionary is being so far away from family. Times like this make that even more difficult!

Please keep Tara's dad, Joe King, her grandma, Mary Allred, and Tara in your prayers.

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