

EVERY TONGUE

Mark and Laura Woodward, August 2014

Dear friends,

Thank you for your continued support for us over the past few months. Much has happened since our last newsletter, and we are very glad that you are on this journey with us!

After many months of waiting and praying, Mark's US citizenship interview finally took place on June 23rd. We are grateful for all your prayers for the timing of the interview, and that the interview itself went very well. Mark was able to return the next day for the oath ceremony, to swear allegiance to the USA and officially become a US citizen!

While Mark stayed another couple of weeks in Oregon to apply for his US passport (and work on his American accent), Laura flew ahead to Tanzania at the beginning of July, to start working at the head office of the Uganda-Tanzania Branch of SIL in Dar es Salaam. Since then she has been working on coordinating Child Safety training within the branch, and helping to teach on an orientation course for new staff working throughout Uganda and Tanzania.

We have both enjoyed interacting with these new colleagues from around the world, as they prepare to live and work in East Africa for many years. Laura taught various sessions on the orientation course, covering topics such as transition and coping with stress in a cross-cultural environment.

While Mark was waiting for his US passport he continued remotely with his job supervising three multi-language translation projects in central and western Tanzania. Mark is very much enjoying working with such talented and motivated teams, seeing the progress that they make on linguistics, Scripture translation, literacy, and all the logistical support that is needed within the projects.

Some highlights from the last few months include:

- * Publication of many Scripture books in various languages – see photos on the right
- * The first translation workshop in Bende and Pimbwe in Katavi Region
- * Literacy work continuing in many languages
- * Encouraging partnerships with local churches

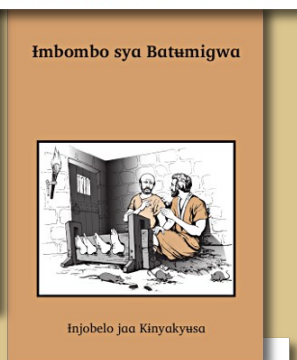
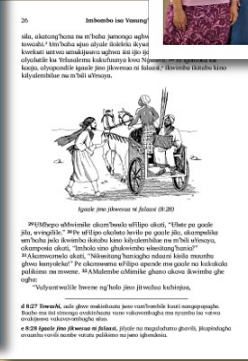
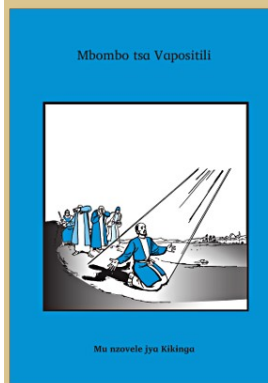


Left: Mark's citizenship ceremony in Portland, Oregon



Left and below: Laura teaching on the orientation course for new international staff

Below: Some of the many new books that have been published recently – both Scripture and other publications...



Acts in Kinga, Nyakyusa and Vwanji, Genesis 12-25 in Sangu, John in Ndali and a calendar in Alagwa

Januari: Siilhee ko Fanq							Februari: Siilhee ko Dakat						
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Once Mark's US passport arrived he spent a week in the UK on his way to Tanzania, and very much enjoyed visiting family and friends, as well as speaking at our supporting churches. He also handed in the hard copy of his MA dissertation, which now just needs to be marked before he officially finishes the MA in Bible and Mission.

Here in Dar es Salaam we have decided on a house to rent, and will hopefully move in in mid-September. We have also bought a car, which will make traveling around Dar es Salaam much easier, and also allow us to drive to Dodoma and Mbeya (and possibly Katavi if the car copes with the bumpy road!) whenever we need to.

We have enjoyed spending time with friends and family recently



Events to pray for over the coming months:

End of August: We travel to Dodoma to meet with the office staff, and then Mark flies to Mbeya for the dedication of Scripture materials in Safwa

September: We move into our new house, and then travel to Mpanda to visit the team, and to transport some of our things to Dar

November: Partnership meetings with church leaders in Mbeya

As we think ahead we are very much looking forward to moving into our new house in September and not living out of suitcases any more! In the meantime, we are trying to make the most of this time of transition. Recently we travelled to Iringa to help the new international staff get settled in to the Swahili language school there.

This week we have been in Dodoma in central Tanzania, where we met with our colleagues, and Mark is now travelling on to Mbeya where the books of Ruth, Jonah, Mark, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, as well as various CDs and other books, will be dedicated in the Safwa language on August 30th.

Over the past few weeks we have been reminded of the faithful support that we receive from people around the world who pray for us and help to meet our practical needs. As we see Scripture and literacy books printed, mp3s produced, CDs burned and local language websites come online, we are reminded that all of this is a result of a large international team of people working together. We are excited to see all that is happening, and very grateful that you are part of this, as we see God speaking to people in their own languages.

So thank you for all that you do! It has been great to see so many of you over the past year or so, and if you would ever like to see first-hand what is happening in Tanzania, you are very welcome to come and visit!



Cut along here to remember to pray for us!

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Thank God that:

He has provided what we have needed, in terms of prayer and financial support, to return to Tanzania

We are settling in to life in Dar es Salaam, and have found a house and a car

The projects are busy, with much Scripture production happening at the moment

Pray for:

Us as we set up our house, that it will soon feel like home

Safe travels to Dodoma, Mbeya and Mpanda over the next few weeks

The teams to meet funding deadlines for the printing of Scripture portions

Ongoing good relations with the various churches that we are working with throughout Tanzania