

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for carrying us through your prayers...

As we reflect on the profound week of ministry behind us, the words of the Apostle Paul ring with striking relevance to everything our team experienced on the ground:

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry." — **2 Timothy 4:2-5 (NIV)**

This week I dedicate this prayer update through this poem to each member of our Tanzania DFC Training teams.

Called to the Out-of-the-Way Places

Beyond the main roads, where the quiet paths wind,
Are the hearts that our Shepherd has kept in His mind.
Not by chance, but by purpose, He sends us to go
To the distant, small villages hidden below.
Whether "in season" or "out," through the hardship and strain,
You have stood in the gap full of patience and grace,
To anchor His church in His doctrine and truth,
And bring sound instruction to this very place.
With a warning to guard them, a word to correct,
And the hope of the gospel to heal and protect—
You have poured out your lives as disciplers of men,
And discharged every duty He entrusted to you.

Our First Training in Ifakara

This week, we marked another milestone: our very first training in Ifakara, a district in the Morogoro Region populated largely by the Wapogoro and Wandamba tribes. This community presents a unique spiritual landscape. While the majority do not identify as Muslim, the local lifestyle is heavily influenced by Islamic culture.

During our team's time there, they witnessed firsthand the heavy toll of spiritual deception. At a local Muslim open-air meeting, they heard a preacher enticing crowds to come and receive "healing water." Concurrently, self-proclaimed "Christian" healers, false prophets, apostles, and prosperity gospel teachers are actively operating throughout the community.

Our classrooms were filled with deep, heavy questions addressing these exact deceptions. The spiritual hunger is clear, and the need for biblical clarity is real. Local youth are struggling with drug addiction, and some have formed gangs that target the community for money and phones. In the face of these challenges, this DFC Training has opened the minds of 45 Pastors, Evangelists, and church leaders, equipping them to preach the true Gospel and implement discipleship. Our students expressed great gratitude, sharing that accessing solid, biblical training like this is rare for them.

Reaching the Next Generation

Yesterday, our team hosted a Children Outreach Day with 79 children coming together from different places:

- 30 children came from a local daycare, including several from Muslim families.
- 49 children came from AICT Ifakara.

Our students stepped into action—leading songs, playing the rock, paper, scissors game before dividing into small groups to share the Gospel through the watermelon story.

Celebrating 5 Weeks of Faithfulness

We are filled with deep, overflowing thankfulness to God for the completion of an incredible 5 weeks of training. What encouraged my heart most was witnessing how mightily God used our local training teams. Over these five weeks, God noticeably grew their confidence and knowledge

of His Word. He gave them the supernatural endurance and perseverance needed to push through week after week. It has been a true joy to hear how they experienced the faithfulness of God and the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit as they encountered and addressed so many deep, complex questions. All the glory belongs to God alone!

As we look ahead, we are already actively planning **11 to 12 new trainings scheduled for 2027.**

Stand With Us in Prayer:

- **Safe Travels:** Pray for traveling mercies for all of our teachers and students as they journey back home.
- **Spiritual Processing & Application:** Pray that the students will take quality time to thoroughly digest everything they learned. Most of all, pray that they will faithfully apply it to their personal lives and teach it accurately to their congregations.
- **Community Transformation:** Pray that God opens mighty doors for the local church to reach the youth lost to drugs and crime, and those trapped in spiritual deception.
- **Future Preparations:** Pray for vision, wisdom, and resources as we prepare and entrust the 2027 training schedule to God.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you who walks this journey alongside us through your prayers, your encouragement, and your support.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Your partnerships in this work of the Gospel have been a steady joy from the very first day until now, and I'm confident that the One who began a good work among you will keep it growing and keep it moving forward until the day Jesus Christ puts on the final finishing touches." — Philippians 1:3-6 (The Message)

