

9/13/26

Thank you for carrying us through your prayers...

"As your days, so shall your strength be." — Deuteronomy 33:25

As we navigate the busy pace of this ministry trip, we are continually reminded of God's quiet, sustaining grace. To echo the words of Frances J. Roberts: *"Not till His hour strikes is our day done, as long as we live, we serve the King! The race is not won by the swift, but the obedient shall receive the prize."* It is in that spirit of simple obedience that we want to share how the Lord has been working.

Our Time at Katungulu Bible College

This past week, we completed our first training of this trip. We held a Level 2 training for the students of Katungulu Bible College, and it was a wonderful start to their new academic year. We began the week with 55 students, but our group grew to 77 as more students arrived on campus over the following days.

I am deeply thankful for our team. We were led by our Team Leader, Eliada Bujiku, who taught alongside myself, Rev. Malaki Bujiku, and Simon Hatari. Together, we enjoyed a classroom environment filled with mutual encouragement. This week also marked our first time working alongside the college's new Principal, Rev. Method Kiulah, and his wife, Edina. The students were very involved in the classes. They brought good questions and had many heart-to-heart conversations about what they were learning. We already look forward to returning next year to walk with these same students for Level 3, which will complete another three-training cycle.

Ministering to the Children

We finished our week yesterday with a **Children's Outreach Program**. What a joy it was to sing and play with 125 children who attend the Compassion Program on the campus. After all the fun and games, our Bible College students took the lead. Each student gathered a small group of kids to share the Gospel through the story of Daniel. It was a beautiful thing to see our students immediately put their training into practice by loving these little ones.

Heading to Magu

Today, I am very thankful for a restful Sabbath day in Mwanza before we start the next part of our journey. Early tomorrow morning, our team—consisting of Rev. Malaki Bujiku, Eliada Bujiku, Rev. Emmanuel Machibula, and myself—will leave for Magu. There, we will hold our very first training for local pastors, evangelists, and their spouses from the Diocese of Mwanza.

Standing with us in prayer

As we move forward, please keep us in your prayers:

- **Travel Mercies to Magu:** Please pray for safety on the roads and smooth travel as our team journeys to Magu tomorrow morning.

- **Strong Health and Energy:** The days ahead will be full. Please pray that the Lord gives us physical stamina and spiritual refreshment so we can continue steadily serving the leaders here.
- **Safe Travels for the Students:** Please lift up the pastors, evangelists, and spouses who are traveling from all over the Diocese of Mwanza to attend this training. Pray that they arrive safely and without any logistical delays.
- **Our Families Back Home:** Being away from our loved ones is always the hardest part of these trips. Please pray for God's peace, protection, and care over our families while we are apart. Please keep Kobus, Jacques, Taylor and Wiehan in your prayers as we enter my fourth week away from home. It seems the older I get, the more homesick I become as the weeks go on...

I am so deeply thankful for each of you who walk this journey with us. Thank you for your love, consistent encouragement and faithful prayers.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Your prayers and tangible support have been a steady encouragement from the very first day. There has never been a doubt in my mind that God, who started this great work in you, would keep at it and bring it to a glorious finish on the Day Christ Jesus appears."

— **Philippians 1:3-6 (The Message)**



9/22/26

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for carrying us through your prayers...

“Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”

— Psalm 139:10

In those out of the way places...

The map leaves out this quiet little space, far off the highway, hidden from the crowd. The roads are rough, but we can see His grace like sunshine breaking through a heavy cloud. The water's cold, the comforts here are few, and weary bodies feel the taxing strain. Yet every morning mercies are made new, as hand in hand, we start the day again. For in this village, God has set a table, to feed His children with the Living Bread. He shows our hearts that He alone is able, and by His gentle hand we're safely led. The path is steep, but Oh, His love is near, we wouldn't choose to be anywhere else but here...

This past week, we had to quickly adjust to village life as we started our Level 1 training in the village of Magu with 42 students from the Mwanza Diocese. This was a milestone for us, as it was also our very first training using our newly updated Level 1 Manual! I was blessed to have incredible co-teachers by my side: Rev. Malaki Bujiku, Ev. Eliada Bujiku, and Rev. Emmanuel Machibula.

While life in these villages certainly brings its unique challenges, it is always a deeply rewarding experience to meet our students exactly where they live and serve. At first, our students were sometimes very quiet. I wondered about the silence until we began to realize they were just beautifully overwhelmed, soaking in so many new things!

Some days ran quite long—sometimes until 5:30 in the evening—but our students patiently stayed, actively participated, and even lingered to visit with us long after class was done.

The impact became so clear during our sessions:

- One of the pastors stood up and shared that he had completed Bible School about 40 years ago. He mentioned that while they learned many concepts back then, none of it was as practical as what he was learning through this training.

- Another student, a pastor's wife who is also a Bible School graduate, shared how much she valued the lessons and is already planning how to implement the material across their pastorate.

A special thank you goes to Eliada, who served as our Training Coordinator this week. She did a fantastic job managing all the logistics and chose a wonderful team of local Mamas who—always with a smile—kept our students well-fed with delicious daily meals.

On Saturday, our hearts were completely full as we welcomed 63 children for our Children's Outreach program. What a joy it was to spend time with these precious kids! Our students sang, played games, and beautifully used the "watermelon story" to share the message of the Gospel with them.

Looking Ahead & Prayer Requests:

- **Travel Mercies:** As you read this update, I have already begun the long journey home. God willing, I will arrive in Houston tomorrow afternoon. Please pray for safety, strength, and smooth connections as I take the long route back via Johannesburg and Newark. It will surely be so good to be home with Kobus and our sweet doggies!
- **Current Training:** Our team has already hit the ground running for the next training at a new location: the Majahida Bible College. Rev. Yusuph Malahu is leading this team, joined by Ev. Eliada Bujiku and Andrew Kamoyo. Please lift them up in prayer as they train around 60 Bible School students this week.
- **Upcoming Ministry:** In the weeks to come, our local teams will continue the work with two more scheduled trainings in Dodoma and Ifakara (in the Pwani district).

Thank you for walking this road with us. Every mile traveled and every pastor, evangelist and Mama equipped is a direct result of your partnership. Your prayers, encouraging words and support in so many ways are truly precious beyond words.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:3-6 (The Message)

