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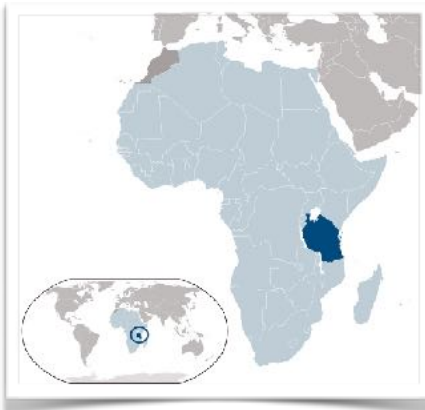
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A tired Ethan poses in front of the Mweka Gate to Kilimanjaro National Park, 10 horizontal miles away and 3,000 vertical feet above our front door. The bike ride to get there requires strong legs, and the return home requires equally strong brakes!

Family Update

I haven't said much about our family in recent newsletters, so I'd like to start this one off by saying that Anita and the Clausing kids are doing very well in Moshi. The kids are continuing their homeschool lessons supplemented by online courses, and for one hour each day they attend a local international school which has proved to be a wonderful source of community for everyone. Ellie, who will graduate high school next year, is in the thick of the college search and application process. Emil, studying back in the U.S., has had some bumps in the road regarding his program of study, but overall is enjoying his semester at Concordia. We look forward to seeing him again at Christmas. In summary, the Clausings are very much enjoying the small-town feel of Moshi over our old home in the big city of Nairobi.



Our Family

Anita and I were married on August 16, 1997 and have been blessed with nine children.

Back Row, Left to Right:

- Ernest (7.16.04)
- Eleanor (1.10.02)
- Emil (10.29.99), currently studying at Concordia University, Chicago
- Jonathan (8.20.75)
- Anita (12.9.74)

Front Row, Left to Right

- Eunice (6.1.06)
- Ethan (5.8.08)
- Eric (12.16.09)
- Eileen (8.21.11)
- Elijah (7.3.13)
- Emmanuel (3.6.15)

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Ministry Update

Thanks to all of you who offered such kind words of encouragement following the last month's news that the seminary had lost its residential students. I continue to face substantial obstacles in establishing a new program of theological education, but I trust in our faithful Lord to lead and guide. Since last month it has become apparent that the proposed continuing education workshops also are not going to be feasible, at least not in the format that I envisioned, so my fellow pastors and I are continuing to search out other options. I know that my description of our problems in this newsletter is a little vague, but I hope you'll understand that this is in the interest of putting the best construction on events, protecting reputations, and keeping all possible doors open for ministry. Just continue to lift up our Tanzanian church in prayer; our heavenly Father knows the details of our need and how best to answer our prayer. The peace of Christ be with you all; we are grateful for your support.



Eunice (holding a zucchini), Eric, Ethan, Emmanuel, and Eileen stand in our vegetable garden in front of our house.