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Culture Bites

Here you will find a small sample, tiny nibble or little bite of some of the things we are learning about Tanzania.

In our welcome newsletter, we learned the Swahili phrase “Asante sana.” It means “thank you very much.”

In this culture bite we’ll learn about the word “karibu” — karibu means “you’re welcome” and can be a reply to asante sana or it can be used to welcome someone to your home.

The people in Tanzania are so welcoming so we heard karibu sana (you’re very welcome) the whole time we were there in December.



Bishop Dr. Nzelu welcoming us to the school where he was the former headmaster.



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A Month of Firsts!



Rev. Bryan Payne and Rev. David Edge with Alex and Shawna Dewald for Amelia Jane Dewald's Baptism.

Dear Friends and Family,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mat 28:19-20).

August was a wonderful month of firsts for the Payne family and especially for Pastor Bryan Payne. On the first weekend of the month, Bryan was honored to lead his first Divine Service by himself including his first time to consecrate the Lord’s Supper. This was at his parents’ church, St. John Lutheran Church, in Lawton, OK. We are so thankful to Rev. Dr. Schneider for letting Bryan serve the congregation at St. John.

The very next day we welcomed our newest niece into the world. Amelia Jane was born on August 7th to Keah’s sister, Shawna and her husband Alex Dewald. Pastor Payne baptized Amelia on the last Sunday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church in Denison, TX. This was the first baptism Bryan ever performed.

The Oklahoma City zone of the Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) hosted us for our first fall festival of the year. It was so great to be with all the LWML women we’ve grown up with, many of whom supported us through seminary.

We headed back to the International Center (IC) in St. Louis to finish our missionary training. We are so thankful to everyone at the IC who constantly are working in the background to make all this possible.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continued safe travels and health for us as we go about raising awareness of what the Lord is doing in Tanzania
- Us to help balance work, school, and preparations to deploy

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The hospitality we have been shown
- The Schemp family who watched our children for us the week of our final training in MO

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage and support us, such as you!
- Thank you! Asante sana!



The Paynes in the recording booth.

While we were at the IC, we recorded a podcast for 5 Minutes with a Missionary in the KFOU studio. This is the Payne family's favorite podcast to listen to, so we were very excited to be asked to record an episode. You can check out the podcast at this [link](#) or search "5 Minutes with a Missionary" wherever you listen to podcasts. We'll be in season 6.

After our training at the IC, we were blessed to visit Trinity Lutheran Church in Altenburg, MO for the first time. They are one of the first Lutheran churches planted by the Saxon Lutherans when they came over. They also have the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum of the Perry County. We learned so much from our visit to the church and museum. We also visited Rev. Dan Warner and his family who is a newly ordained pastor at Zion, Gordonville and St. Paul, Chaffee, MO.

At the end of the month, we began a major trip to visit many churches east of Oklahoma. We started with a dinner and evening service at Zion Lutheran Church in Ulm, AR. This is one of the churches of Rev. Jeremy McDonald and his family who are our friends from the seminary.

We visited many other churches, places, friends and family. You can check out [our Facebook page](#) for more pictures and highlights. Follow the link above ↑↑ or search "Letters from the Paynes" on Facebook. We look forward to many more visits this coming month!

God's Peace,

Rev. Bryan, Dcs. Keah, Rory, & Dalton Payne

Kids' Corner

Rory and Dalton are continuing their homeschool learning including visiting museums like this one; Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie which has a one room, rural school house from the 1800s. The kids were able to see a glimpse of what life was like for early American children.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service.

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Rev. Bryan and Dcs. Keah Payne. Make checks payable to:

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