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Culture and “Cultured”



Immanuel holding a lemon from a tree in our garden.

GARDEN

Here in Mwanza, we have a different gardening zone than anywhere else we have lived. Without the freeze of winters we experienced in the U.S., we have more tropical plants in our garden such as lemons, papaya, and coconut. However, we also have to look out for the critters. A friend had a black mamba in their yard recently. We found that we have dwarf mongoose in our yard which are immune to some of the venomous snakes here in Tanzania.



Celebrating birthdays with pineapple.

Much of our work this year is figuring out how to live in a new country. With our newsletters this first year, we are giving little glimpses into life as a missionary even as we ourselves figure out how to live. Our title today will share a little of how living in Tanzania affects our family culture. The second part of the title

“cultured” is referencing the experience of adapting to new microorganisms affecting us. Pictures today include above: Celebrating Immanuel’s birthday with pineapple and candles. For our family, all our birthdays fall around this time of year. We decided this year to celebrate with candles atop pineapples.



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Steffenson Family Update



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continued language acquisition.
- Full recovery and good health going forward.
- Pray for the angels of the Lord Jesus to guard us from the attacks of Satan.
- Safe travel to the LCMS missionary continuing education in Rwanda.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Finding a small medical clinic and lab across the street from our home.
- Recovering from the latest amoeba.
- Another year of life during birthday season.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us
- The collaboration of the SELVD and the LCMS
- The opportunity to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania



Photo left: Container for collecting samples to figure out which new culture has cultured us. We took two weeks to recover. Photo below: A plug adaptor. The electricity system in Tanzania is different than the United States. Not everyone has electricity, but where we live in the city, we are able to get it most

of the time. Photo above: A monkey on our roof. We have to watch out for monkeys around our home. While they can be fun to see, they are also very curious, smart, and sometimes mean and destructive, so we need to be very careful when they are about for both ourselves and the property.

Thank you for partnering with us in this work of the Lord among His people in Tanzania.

“The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” Ps. 121:6

In the peace of Christ Jesus,

Pastor Jason, Anna Marie, Johanes, and Immanuel Steffenson



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