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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.

Swahili is the language of Tanzania, and we are excited to start learning the language. Any time you are translating from one language to another, there are always going to be issues. Letters are different and the structure is different.

When we arrive in Tanzania in January, 2024 we will be headed straight to language school. We will attend 12 weeks of language school so that we can get the basics of the Swahili language.

As we travel around visiting churches we like to sing Listen God is Calling. This hymn was originally written in Swahili!

**LSB 833**

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# Giving Thanks



Rory and Dalton are getting to spend time with Great Grandma Roggow

Dear Friends and Family,

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:29).*

We started October in Indiana and are now ending it in Kansas. At the beginning of the month in Indiana we were concluding our six and a half week travels of the Eastern USA. We visited Merryville, IN where Bryan’s fellow Seminarian, Rev. Brian Nygaard, has been called to serve at Trinity Memorial. They had a special birthday treat for Keah as we visited on her birthday! The next day we crossed the border into Illinois and presented at an ice cream social with Zion and Rev. Estby. On our way back to Oklahoma we made a stop in Peoria, IL to visit with the Mission Board at Redeemer.

Upon entering Oklahoma we stopped in at Grandma Roggow’s and stayed the night so we could be in Ponca City, OK bright and early Saturday morning for the Ponca City LWML Zone Fall Fest. Sunday morning we joined Trinity, El Reno to celebrate their Mission Fest Sunday.

We spent our remaining October time back in Oklahoma taking care of some pre-deployment things including doctor and dentist appointments. We are happy to say no cavities! The residents of Concordia Life Plan Community in OKC welcomed us to learn about the Lord’s work in Tanzania. The next Sunday found us at Zion in Alva where Keah’s cousin, Tim Roggow, is the Pastor. We also attended the Oklahoma Church Workers Conference held at Redeemer, Shawnee, OK. Bryan was happy to return to Holy Cross in Lawton, OK where he was confirmed on the following Sunday.

We then started our next trek around the US going North and West. Our first stop was St. John in Hooker, OK where Bryan was Baptized! We also were able to attend a wonderful October Fest at Trinity in Guymon, OK where we had some fantastic homemade brats. They were great!



## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The children getting to spend time with their cousins (like in the picture above, Dalton with Eleanor)
- Keah's Birthday
- Safe travels and health for us as we have been going about raising awareness of what the Lord is doing in Tanzania
- Getting in with Doctors and Dentist and no Cavities
- Creative homeschool days while traveling
- The hospitality we have been shown throughout our travels

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our families continued health



*Aerial view of Zion Lutheran in Grant Park, IL.*

From the Northern border of Oklahoma we headed into Kansas toward Kansas City, Kansas. This trip will take us through Denver, CO and Cheyenne, WY before returning to Oklahoma for the Holidays.

We've traveled all around the United States, and we've tried to get pictures of every Lutheran Church we visited. Its amazing to see how similar and yet

how unique each Lutheran church is. We can't always get an aerial view as great as we did at Grant Park above because of weather and flight restrictions.

We visited many other churches, places, friends and family. You can check out [our Facebook page](#) (Letters from the Paynes) for more pictures and highlights. Also, don't forget to 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.

God's Peace,

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

## Kids' Corner

Backseat Homeschooling is a new thing for our family. The wonderful thing about homeschool is the flexibility in it.

Specifically, when your life is in a state of flux. We have conducted school in such a variety of places this last month including but not in any way limited to: backseat of our Honda, hotels, AirBnb, Lutheran Bnb, Parks, backyards, museums, and churches. Progress was seen in Rory's grammar along the way. We have the kids do a journal where they draw and journal about a question we ask them. Rory's first entry was over half a page long! The journals have been such a great idea for the kids to reflect on things they have seen and done as well as documenting what they have done. We hope to form journaling into a habit for them.



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