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Hitch'n a ride-how to get around!



Our Bajaji driver driving down the street.

BAJAJI

A Bajaji is basically a motorized tricycle (three-wheeled motorcycle). They are an affordable way to get around here in Tanzania, especially in the city. Below on the next page is another picture of a Bajaji from the outside being followed by a pikipiki (motorcycle). People also will take the pikipiki as a taxi to places. There are also daladalas which are small buses to get people around with their luggage, goods, and livestock. And, people walk long distances here in Tanzania.



Our driver loading food on the luggage rack on top of the Land Cruiser.

Much of our work this year is figuring out how to live in a new country. This month's theme is "getting around." In a previous month's newsletter, I shared pictures of our walk to school. We walk and walk to get places. We purposely rented a house this first year in a location where we can walk to the boys' school, to the sokoni (market), and the kijiji (the downtown area) in order to

be able to get the basic necessities. Besides walking, we take bajaji's and taxis. Also, the church here in Tanzania will send a Land Cruiser for us to borrow with a driver for longer distances. Pictured above is Anna Marie taking a turn in the back seat of the Land Cruiser with our luggage on a two-day return drive from the LCMS missionary conference in Rwanda.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continued language acquisition.
- Good health.
- Pray for the angels of the Lord Jesus to guard us from the attacks of Satan.
- Smooth process to acquire next needed paperwork.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Getting all the steps completed and submitting our paperwork for our National ID Number
- Our family's health getting stronger.
- Safe travel to and from the LCMS missionary conference in Rwanda.

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



Pictured above is Missionary Tiffany Smith standing next to Anna Marie in the window on the two-day return drive from the missionary conference. In addition to being more economical, traveling together gave us the opportunity to get to know our coworker. This was a rural part of the trip. In order to drive to Rwanda, we needed to travel on Lake Victoria on a ferry,

over and on top of mountains, through cities and the Tanzania/Rwanda border crossing. For security and safety, photos are not allowed at the border or ferry.

Seminary update: Progress continues on the seminary building and curriculum development. My current understanding is that the first cohort of students will start in July of 2024 when the buildings, curriculum, and government accreditation are completed.

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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