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Malaria, Malinzi, Merry Christmas!



One of our new security dogs.

SECURITY

We recently got three dogs for security for around the house and when we walk out of our gate. They have already alerted us to someone who was not supposed to be on the property. Our nightly security guard was sneaking someone or multiple someones onto the property at night. We were able to call his supervisor who came immediately and resolved the issue. We appreciate our new security dogs and the supervisor of the security company.



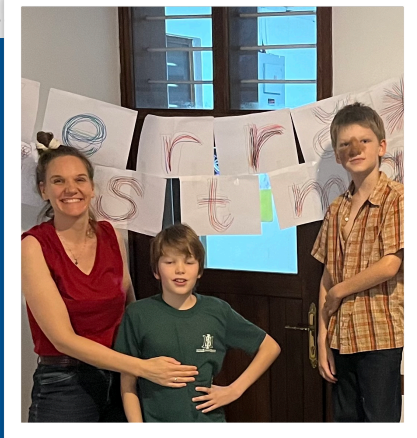
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Celebrating Our Lord's incarnation-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Even though we spent Christmas in Tanzania last year when we visited before deployment, this is our first Christmas living in Tanzania. It has been an eventful time since the last newsletter. At the beginning of December, Rev. Jason sprained his ankle and was not able to walk on it for a couple weeks without crutches and is just now this

week feeling like it is getting back to normal. Then, we think we caught Covid because we lost our smell with a an infection. Then we caught several stomach parasites again which are still hanging around. Then, three of us caught malaria last week. We rest in the grace and strength of our Lord Jesus as we celebrated Christmas Services at home this year.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- We recover from stomach parasites.
- Good health.
- Pray for the angels of the Lord Jesus to guard us from the attacks of Satan.
- Recovered strength after being sick for so long.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- We are recovering from malaria.
- Our new guard dogs alerting us to trouble
- Getting to celebrate our Lord's incarnation together as a family on Christmas.

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



Although we have been sick and pretty weak this last seven weeks with parasites and illnesses, we were able to receive our Lord Jesus' precious gifts as we had a candlelight service Christmas Eve. Then, we had a Christmas midnight hymn sing. Then we were able to have Christmas Day Communion service.

We have been researching parasites, and from what we can tell with discussions from friends here and our fellow missionaries is that it sounds like we are taking the proper precautionary

procedures. Please pray for our health in adjusting to a new location. We are thankful to our Lord for having a small clinic and lab across the street from our home to help us test and diagnose the different parasites. We have been advised by our friends to get tested quickly whenever we get sick. We are thankful to our Lord Jesus for catching the malaria early so that we have been able to recover at home instead of a hospital. Every evening, we thank the Lord for our family being safe at home together.

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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