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From Vision to Life Change by Christy Mosher

(This past July the Mosher Family followed God's prompting and journeyed to Tanzania, this is a bit of their story as told by Mom - Christy)

In the fall of 2016, God gave one little boy a **vision of the map of Africa** and a desire to help the poor who lived there. When our eight-year old son had finished reading a biography on the missionary Jim Elliot, he shared that vision with child-like faith, and the Holy Spirit prompted Scott and I to pay attention. Fast forward nine months, and the dream that was impregnated that October gave birth to our family of four flying over 10,000 miles to Tanzania as part of a Global Outreach mission trip to the PUNCHMI School in Karansi.

In July of 2017, we spent ten days immersed in a culture enormously different from our own. We saw the poverty of a third-world nation alongside the

unspeakable joy that lives in Christians regardless of their earthly circumstances. Despite the daily hardships they endure, the people of Karansi radiated kindness and generosity to us. Though there is a huge chasm between our way of life and that of most Tanzanians, it is undeniable



that Christians are truly of one Spirit. The Lord created so many heart connections between us and the people there. This was especially true for our adolescent sons. Even with a slight language barrier, Tal and Tavin spent hours playing and laughing with the students at PUNCH-

MI. By the end of the trip, they had received precious notes from several of the boys and girls, and those mean more to us than any souvenir we purchased. We were also thrilled to meet a beautiful three-year-old preschooler named Lilian who needed a sponsor. Her

mother teaches first-grade, and Tavin was so excited to "adopt" her as the little sister he has always wanted. It is an honor to be invited to share in Lilian's life through financial help, prayer, and fellowship via letters and Skype.

Most of all, we are excited that she is able to

learn about Jesus and develop a relationship with Him as her teachers disciple her at the school.

Moreover, speaking of the teachers, they are so hum-

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Christmas Gifts

Rather than sponsors trying to send over gifts for their sponsored children each year we collect a special TZ Project Child Christmas Gift Offering. Our goal is to raise enough funds to enable us to purchase in Tanzania a new set of clothes and shoes for every child - Pre-school through 6th grade, and a full Track Suit for all graduating 7th graders through Form 4 of Secondary School. Last year we were able to raise the full amount. Bwana Asifiwe. So, we are asking each of our sponsors to consider adding their sponsored child to their Christmas spending list, and since we have 27 children without a sponsor we are hoping that each sponsor will consider giving at least \$25 per child to our TZ Christmas Fund. If you can help us purchase these Christmas gifts for all of our children please make your contribution to Perimeter Church with TZ Project Child Christmas Fund in the note field or online drop down menu

Faster Mail

The last TZJournal highlighted how to write your child. We have now made it easier and faster by providing a Project Child Letterhead that you can download from our website at <https://www.projectchildtz.com/journals> Simply write your letter on the downloaded file, rename it to include your child's KAC number & email it to projectchild@perimeter.org We will send all letters over once per month for ASAP delivery to your child.

We Can Use Your Help

I know you don't have any spare time, but could you occasionally carve some out to help us crop and send photo's to sponsors, or organize and schedule video calls, or assist with mailings. Ask if God will make you available and let me know at timneet@att.net

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ble, desiring to learn and grow - both as Christians and as educators. Though we were there to impart wisdom and knowledge through teacher evaluations



and seminars, I'm highly confident our team left with the bigger blessings. The Tanzanian people left an indelible mark on our hearts and lives. God has expanded our love and appreciation for people of all

racess and cultures. **We have learned to be more generous, to walk with more faith, and to be more aware of the need around us - both at home and abroad.**

The Lord has a heart for the nations. Jesus told us to go and make disciples all over the world. While we certainly don't want to neglect the very people who live in our neighborhoods and communities, at the same time, we must not neglect the very real call to make and teach the disciples that are at "the ends of the earth." To make this journey is expensive, but while in Tanzania, we were told time and again how our physical presence means so much. To come in person conveys a sense of value - you are loved; you matter; you are worth the time and money. Global Outreach offers a variety of mission trips, many of which are family-friendly. Could the Lord be whispering "Tanzania" in your heart? There are more Eph 2:10 "good works" the Lord has prepared as PUNCH-MI adds a secondary school and builds up a new public library. Perhaps you can't go

physically. Would you consider sponsoring a child? Most of all, would you continue to pray for this beloved nation of people who are made in God's image? Just as Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for [the Tanzanian's] deliverance" (Phil 1:19). With the Tanzanians we say, "Asante sana, and Mungu akubariki!" (*Thank you very much, and God bless you!*)



Worship with Us

Rick Warren recently wrote about Worship when he said, "When you use the gifts that God has given you, it is a form of WORSHIP. What makes God smile? Some people think God only smiles when you're praying or singing or going to church. The truth is that God smiles when you use the gifts that He's given you. When you are doing what you were wired or shaped to do, God says that's cool. The Bible says, "My Father is honored and glorified by this, when you bear much Fruit (John 15:8) When you use your gifts correctly, God gets the glory. And you certainly can't use gifts you don't have. God doesn't expect you to be talented or gifted at everything. **He just wants you to use what He has given you.**"

In coming issues we will be detailing the many doors that God is opening for us to serve Him in Tanzania. Many will require the skills and time that God may have gifted to you. Are you open to serving along side our team? Keep tuned and let us know of your willingness.



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Twenty Seven — That's the number of Project Child children still without a sponsor—and we have another 30 new pre-schoolers coming in January. What about it? **Could you consider helping us change a child's future by sponsoring one more?** How about Joshua? He's nine and in the first grade with a Birthday this week.

