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# Freitas Flyer

## Freitas Ministry Update...

First, we would like to apologize for the delay in (or lack of) communication from our end in the last few months. At the time of our last communication, ministry was hopping and we had just finished the taping of the Maasai AIDS video. It was an exhausting undertaking and in the following weeks another team came out to build a roof in Maasai-land, Amber (Holly's niece and our home-school teacher for Devin) went home to be with her family in Seattle, our dear friend Sarah died unexpectedly, Devin was horribly sick (again) and was losing weight, and we were feeling like we didn't have anything left to give...so we decided it was time to head home for a rest.

And so we rested. We took time to heal from the loss of Samuel and Sarah (our neighbor and friend who died just one week before we left) and to replenish our spirits. Devin improved quickly and has gained almost 20 pounds and two pants sizes since our return!



Sarah

Meanwhile, our two-year resident visas expired and we were faced with the challenge of finding a way to return to Tanzania. In short, LifeWind is not registered with the Tanzanian government. For the past two years we have been working under the umbrella of another organization that very graciously allowed us to work under their Tanzanian registration. Unfortunately they were not able to renew our resident visas. So... because we feel God has called us to a vital ministry in Tanzania and this work is not yet finished, we knew we were facing a change this summer.

Which brings us up-to-date...We are in the midst of a very intense application process with a partner organization to LifeWind that seems to be just the right match for us. This organization has been using Community Health Evangelism (CHE) for several years now. They have been interested in increasing the CHE training for their national and missionary leadership staff, but have been limited by the number of experienced trainers. In addition, they are registered in Tanzania, have a team based in Dar es Saalam, and are willing





to allow us to continue our ministry work with the Maasai! Wow! The next step is a “live” event where we meet with all of the staff and receive final acceptance. We ask that you pray for us during the week of September 6-13 while Tony and I are at the final round of interviews and clearance. After final acceptance, and assuming that happens... we will submit our registration for renewal in Tanzania and raise the increased support needed for our return to Africa. We plan to return to Tanzania on January 19 to resume our ministry there and enter into a new and exciting chapter.



While we are here in the U.S. we have rented an apartment and enrolled the kids in school for the first term. We returned to Tanzania during the first week of August to check on our ministry responsibilities and confirm our commitment to the people we have been working with there. It was a blessing to reconnect and renew our relationships. We loved seeing the kids in our neighborhood and hearing of ongoing development work in Obili, our first target Maasai CHE village. We were also able to do some additional translation work for the Maasai AIDS video and discuss its distribution with a Tanzanian Ministry of Health Officer. Continue to pray for these ongoing projects in our absence. While we are in the



U.S. we will be settling in with the new organization—doing all of the things you do when you change jobs, raising additional support, and traveling to keep up on-going training. Tony will travel back in October for LifeWind’s Africa conference to present the newly designed two-bucket water filter and to reconnect with our co-workers there.



Check out our new video clip about our ministry in Tanzania on YouTube! You can find it by putting in our names (Tony and Holly Freitas). Please be sure to click on “high-resolution” for the best picture!

We’ve included a prayer card with our current prayer needs on the back. Please put it somewhere you will be reminded to pray not only for us and our ministry, but and also the Maasai believers who are sharing their faith with their people as they implement Community Health Evangelism in their communities.



Thank you all for your loving and faithful support of our family and our ministry. We pray you feel encouraged in your faith by knowing what God is doing; you are playing a vital part through your prayer and financial support.

*Tony, Holly, Lauren, and Devin*