



Update from Tanzania

March 2014

2013 Home Assignment (Furlough)

There was only a two week handoff period between my field team mates', Thane and Charlotte White, arrival back in Tanzania from their Home Assignment (Furlough) and my departure to the States.

During my four month trip I logged over 4,700 miles around Kansas, out to Colorado, and down to Texas.

Presentations were made to 12 supporting churches and mission committees and there were several meetings with small groups and individual supporters

After almost two years of 3rd world living it was a pleasure to step back into the joys of 1st world living again. It isn't long before you stop looking for a generator to start when the power goes out. Nor do you buy the entire stock off the store shelf of your favorite food item because it may never be there again.

It was nice to have some time for rest and relaxation. While in Colorado a few days were taken to drive up through the Rocky Mountains to see snow capped mountains and the aspen trees changing to their beautiful fall colors of yellow, orange, and gold. Also, a few days were spent in Branson, MO. Christmas time in Silver Dollar City was quite breathtaking with the millions of Christmas lights adorning the buildings and trees, inspiring Christmas music, and even a Christmas parade.

Thanks to all who helped in making my 2013 Home Assignment trip a great success

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KCM WEBSITE

Our website is the best source for keeping up-to-date with the latest news, prayer requests, praises, and even newsletter archives from Key Connections Ministries in Arusha, Tanzania.

The website address is: www.keyconnections.org.

Please give us your feedback on how we can better improve it to be a more effective communications tool.

JOIN US IN PRAYING . . .

- For Thane and Charlotte White as they deal with field mission and family issues
- For more Tanzanian coordinators to help us connect with more pastors who need our media resources and discipleship training
- For a stirring in the hearts of Tanzanians for the deep things of God
- For clear priorities as we face far too many very good things to do
- For wisdom as we continue to plan and organize this mission

MegaVoice Envoy Micro Project

During my recent home assignment (furlough) the main project was fundraising for MegaVoice Envoy Micros. Over \$4,000 was raised which means we can put another 138 units in the hands of bush pastors and church leaders. On my return trip to Tanzania I was able to bring 30 units. Hopefully, in the near future we can find appropriate transportation for the remaining 108 units.



MegaVoice Envoy Micro



Pastor Simon Mwita

We have 100 pastors on our waiting list to receive a MegaVoice Envoy Micro for their ministry work and more pastors are being added to that list every week.

I want to express my appreciation and give a big thank you to all who helped provide funding for this project especially the members of Crestview Christian Church, Ambassador Christian Church, and West Side Christian Church.

OUR GOALS

- Provide free and low-cost materials to church leaders
- Train leaders to effectively utilize resources
- Develop innovative ways for the poor to obtain key resources
- Utilize short-term volunteers and teams to meet critical needs
- Impart an urgent vision for ministry and evangelism
- Support health and development initiatives
- Bring unity to believers with Bible-focused materials

. . . SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK . . . 2 TIMOTHY 3:17



2013 Home Assignment (Furlough) continued



R&R Time enjoying the beautiful fall season aspen trees of the Colorado Rockies

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It was such a blessing to have a good portion of time with family. Sharing Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays together was such a special time. Good food and conversation are always a great combination.

I was also fortunate enough to attend a few grief group sessions. Listening to and sharing with others who are going through the same struggles is a blessing.

Resupply shopping is always a challenge. One hundred pounds of luggage sounds like a lot, but it doesn't take much until your limit is

met and you are trying to decide what to leave behind.

The frightfully cold weather in late December really put me in the mood to return to the summer season in Tanzania.

Thank you to all of my supporting churches who welcomed me for presentations. Thank you to friends and individual supporters for good dining experiences and great conversation. Thank you to the media resource organizations who prepared and shipped audio devices for my return. Thanks to my family for being there for me.

And a special thank you to Thane and Charlotte White for taking care of everything and keeping them running smoothly during my absence from Tanzania.

More Saber Players Available

I was also able to return from my recent Home Assignment (Furlough) trip with five Saber players.

We use these Saber players to provide the nearly nine hours of audio to support the flip chart pictures. The Saber is made available to us from Global Recording Network out of Australia. It is a ruggedized unit with a fairly large speaker capable of providing adequate volume to a setting of 50 people. It is powered by a rechargeable battery pack which is recharged by a hand crank dynamo. It requires about a minute of rapid cranking to start with, then slow and steady cranking once the audio begins. The audio is stored on a memory chip. We have the soft-



Saber Player

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PRAYER REQUEST

As many of you already know, Key Connections Ministries is experiencing a time of very difficult hardship.

While it is not appropriate for me to go into detail at this juncture, please lift up this ministry in prayers and petitions before the Lord as you never have before. Please pray that we will find favor in the eyes of those who hold authority over us.

It is our desire to seek the Lord and his wisdom in each and every step we take, but especially when the road seems too steep and hazardous and the mountain before us seems immovable.

At this point all we can do, in addition to prayer, is to keep doing what is humanly possible to solve the problems and to trust in the Lord that He will make a way when there seems to be no way.

Let us agree, no matter the outcome, that God's will be done and His name be glorified.

MISSION TEAM

We have recently received word that the Thayer Christian Church, in Thayer, Kansas is working toward sending a short-term mission team to Tanzania in October. Their last team was here in October of 2012. They plan to assist in training local farmers to use the Farming God's Way techniques, along with some preventative health care, and children's education through the use of puppets.

Please lift this team up in prayer as they make preparations both physically and spiritually.



The Key in Key Connections

During my recent Home Assignment (Furlough) trip to the States I was privileged to present messages on the Key in Key Connections. Many times we get so busy doing the work of the mission that we can forget the "key" thing the mission work is all about. It's good to take a step back every once in a while and refocus on our primary purpose.

Key Connections Ministries does many different things to fulfill it's vision in Tanzania. We do media resource placements, discipleship training, preventative healthcare, community development and humanitarian aid, and micro-business. While all of these keep us very busy, we have to ask the question, are any of these the "key" in Key Connections?

In John 14:6 Jesus said he is the way, the truth, and the life, and no one can come to the father except through him. That sounds like a key to me. Jesus is the Key to the door of heaven.

What is the "key" in Key Connections Ministries?

Now, take your keys out of your pocket and hold them up. For some reason I have a lot less keys when I am in the States than when I'm in Tanzania. We work hard to get these keys. We have keys for vehicles, houses, businesses, etc. Now,

continue to keep holding up your keys if any of them can get you into heaven.

What is the key in your church? Is it fellowship, or programs, or maybe keeping members happy?

What is the key in your individual life? Is it putting food on the table, raising kids, or preparing for retirement?

Matthew 16:26a says, "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

I would hope that Key Connections Ministries can say that connecting people to Jesus Christ who is the Key to heaven's door is our "Key", our primary purpose.

I would also hope that as you step back and refocus on your primary purpose for both your church and in your individual lives that you not get side tracked by the keys in your pocket, but focus on the one true "Key" Jesus Christ.

More Saber Players (Cont)



Flip Chart/Saber Set

ware to put whatever audio on the chip we need, but it cannot be changed by the user.

Five sets of flip charts are already available. When the audio is loaded and the carrying cases are made we will be able to release the five we have to pastors on the waiting list. Currently, there are 30 pastors on the waiting list.

These Flip Chart/Saber Sets are valuable and powerful tools for the Tanzanian pastors. They provide a wealth of Biblical teaching to congregations who have few opportunities to learn basic Biblical stories. They are

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also a great outreach evangelistic tool, because many times they will be used outside. As people pass by they are attracted by the pic-

tures and a big audio sound in their local language coming from a little box. We have heard many stories of how people have come to the Lord through the Flip Chart/Saber Sets.

We are able to get additional sets of flip charts from Global Recording Network's Nairobi, Kenya office.

Upcoming KCM Board Meetings

In the next few months we will be conducting Board of Directors meetings in order to meet governmental requirements. The first will focus on KCM-TZ and the second on KCM-US. These meetings require the preparation of agendas, ministry activity reports, and financial reports. Please pray the preparation of these documents will be accurate and timely.

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LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A Personal Update



Satan would have us believe we are all alone in the fight to move the Kingdom forward. The Spirit gently reminds us that we are not alone. There are many lifting this ministry work up in prayer on a regular basis.

I especially wish to thank the Thayer Christian Church Eldership for sending me off with much needed prayer and laying on hands. Knowing you are standing with me is a great blessing.

Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Because of the call,
Steven McFarland

REGIFTING?

It's a trend around the world and we think it has merit! Does your church have glass communion cups or trays no longer in use? Do you have a good digital camera that has been set aside for a newer model? Or a working laptop computer you have replaced? Consider giving those items a new life — in Africa! We know many people who would be greatly blessed by those items. If you would like to re-gift, just e-mail us or call Teresa, our US administrator, at (620) 763-2595.

YOUR RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for the many kinds of support. We want to be sure that you are getting accurate and timely receipts. If you send a financial gift and fail to receive a receipt within three weeks, please call Teresa, our US administrator at (620) 763-2595 or e-mail us at mcfarland.sk@gmail.com. All donations should be made payable to Key Connections Ministries and sent to PO Box 266, Thayer, KS 66776. Please note any designations. Again, thank-you for your generous support — we pledge our faithful stewardship of your gifts to make a real difference in many lives.



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