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Warm Greetings from Tanzania,

I am sitting here writing this letter on the last day of May watching it pour down rain outside. Those who know much about this part of the world know that this is very uncommon. Especially when you consider that this is the second time it has rained in the last week. It rained several inches last Thursday. If it keeps this up, we will have to break



out the mowing equipment again. Normally by the end of April, the rains are pretty much finished and what rain we do get after that is light. But one nice thing about this, it does clean the air. I wish we could get a rain once a week all year. The dust and smoke gets a little rough by the end of the dry season. We did get this picture of the rain and rainbow when we were on our way back to the Mission from Mbeya on last Thursday May 28th.

Cyndi and I arrived back in Tanzania on May 13th. We are the only missionaries that are here at the moment. Garry Hill and Rebecca Benson left to go back to the states to do some more fund raising the week before we arrived back. We do have several guests to keep us company. The group of nursing students from Harding is here at this time. Janice Bingham has brought another good group this year and they have been busy working at the hospital every day. Dr. Paulsen came back again and he always delivers lots of babies while he is here. We saw an immediate increase in patients at the hospital once they arrived. They have had to deal with a virus that they have been sharing with each other since they arrived. Hopefully they can shake this before everyone gets it, including Cyndi and I. So far we have escaped it.

Cyndi and I have been busy since our arrival back. I have been busy getting all of the accounting caught up, making preparations for our new account for the mission to start work tomorrow. We interviewed him the first day after we returned. He seems very qualified and he holds a bachelors degree in accounting. There are not many Tanzanians that are so qualified. I will be working closely with him the next several weeks showing him everything that we do here concerning bookkeeping. It is a big work keeping track of all the paperwork that is required when you have four major different works on one site that have a total of over 200 employees. We have to file forms much like you do in the USA including Social Security, Income Tax, Union Dues, and Health insurance. So, having a capable person to take care of all of this will be a big bonus for the mission. I am thankful for all of people

that have worked hard in our absence to make sure that all of these things were taken care of. We do have some really dedicated Christians here that want to make sure that this work continues to go well. That really makes us feel well, knowing that there are Christians here that are willing to go the extra mile to see His work continue. This has been our dream to mature this work to this point.

We did find an uninvited guest the other day on our driveway. It was a dead Puff Adder. I think a vehicle going out at night for the hospital probably had run over it. They are one of the three deadly snakes that we have here. I had only seen one before this one in the four and half years we have been here. It was a small one, so that tells us that there must be mom and dad somewhere. I told everyone to keep their eyes open.

I have been fortunate to get to speak at several places already since we have returned. They told me at the shop, that I needed to do the devotion every morning for the first week we were back. I enjoyed that because that is one of my favorite times of the day, getting to spend time singing, praying, and studying the word of God with all of my friends at the shop. I have also gotten to preach and teach at several other congregations these last 2 ½ weeks. The Sunday morning we arrived in Dar, we went from the airport to church. Of course I was asked to preach. I am not sure exactly how well I did since I had only 3 hours of sleep since I had gotten up Friday morning. But, they seemed to enjoy it and they invited us to come back later this year and do a seminar for them on Church Leadership. I am looking for some others to join me and if you know anyone that might be interested, please get them in contact with me.



Cyndi has been busy with several items. The guest always keep her busy since she does most of the coordinating of all of the house help plus making sure the houses are ready along with being sure the pantries are full of food. She has also prepared all of the lesson outlines for the upcoming Ladies Seminar. There will be a 3 day seminar for our Christian ladies the 3rd week of June. The following week there will a Preachers Seminar which I will be a part of. We are hoping to have a couple of guest speakers for both of these. She has done all of this while having to take care of me. I left the states recovering from a case of the shingles. I have only had a couple a bad days so far. For the most part they have not bothered me much, which I am grateful for, because when they do it can be pretty painful.

I guess I will sign off for now. The rain has about stopped and it is nice and cool now. I think I will go out and sit on our porch and enjoy the evening.

Until next month, keep the work in your prayers,

Bill and Cyndi

