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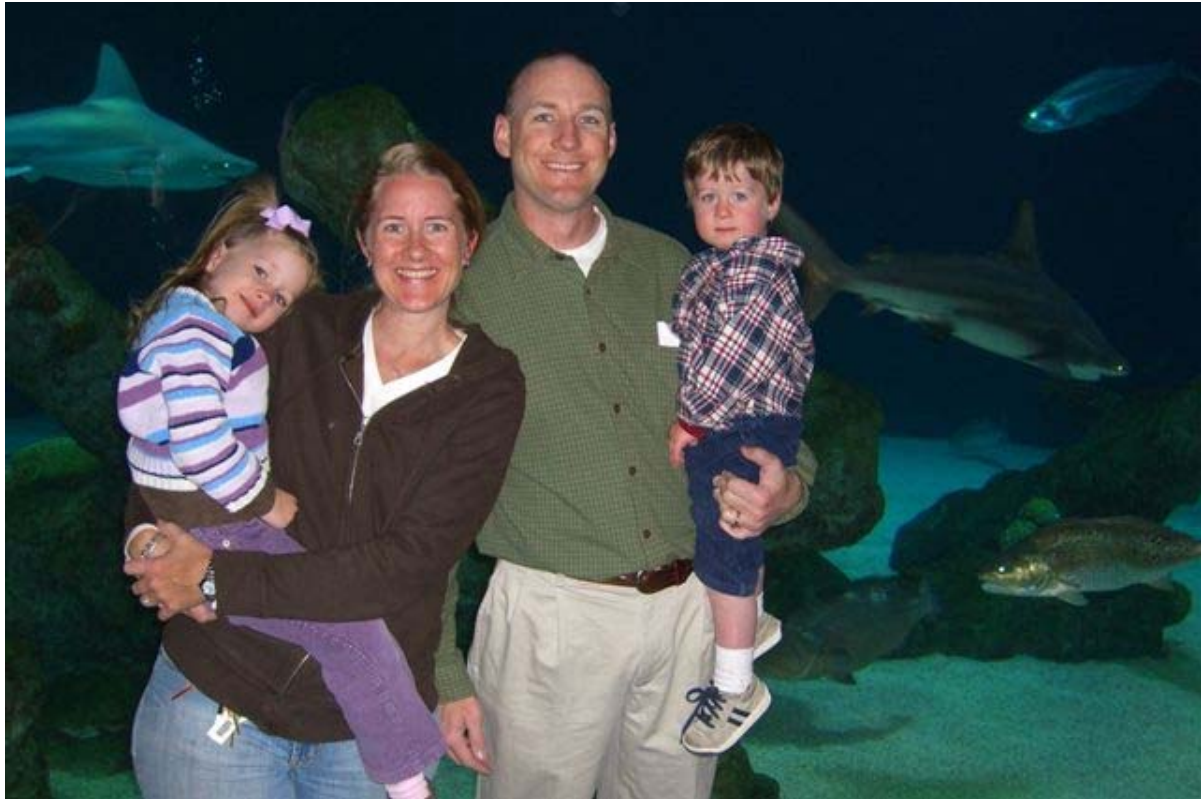
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Subject: Hill's May Prayer Email

(As usual, please send all replies to kim_hill@sil.org or dusty_hill@sil.org as this gmail account is ONLY used for sending.)



Dear Praying Friends,

We can hardly believe that our time in the States is winding down so fast. Since **we leave June 7th**, we've only got less than 4 weeks left, so we're at the stage of relishing everything and everyone we won't have nearby when we return to Tanzania. Topping the list currently are: family and friends, clean water, sleeping without mosquito nets, the library, the playground, ice cream, worship in English, the grocery store, and all the conveniences of American life. We're enjoying our last few weeks here!

However, in a sense, we are looking forward to our return in that we are ready to be settled in our own home again. Also, Dusty is ready to finish his academic work and graduate on June 4th. He is in the middle of writing several papers and studying for his **comprehensive exams** on Saturday. We hope you will pray for him as he studies hard and balances the other many things we are doing in these last weeks.

The first thing we will do when we return to Tanzania is take a two-week **Swahili refresher**

course. The intensive course is offered at a campground in the middle of the country. They do not really offer child care so we were praying that the Lord would provide someone to go with us to take care of our kids. God answered our prayers through Ashleigh. She was a member of the youth group I worked with when I first moved to Denver. Ashleigh is great with kids, and we're thrilled that she is coming with us to support our family during such a critical time for both us and our kids!



Kidisms:

Jack, who is learning to pray before meals: "Thank you God for food, nourish bodies, Gordon, Percy, James. Amen" (characters from his favorite train series)

Tessa: "The milk was too cold so I need ice."

Tessa: "The ice cream is too cold for me."

Tessa: "I want a mother's day present!"

Tessa: "He has a little bug in his mouth," referring to an elderly man we visited who was sick with a cough. She was told not to get too close because he had a "bug."

A note from Dusty:

As you may know, I leave most of the writing up to Kim as she is great at it and it allows me to spend more time focused on the project in Tanzania and on my studies while we have been here. Many of you have shared your encouragement while we've been on furlough of the great letters she writes! But a friend shared with me recently that he would like to hear from me, too, regarding my perspective on some of the issues that we are facing or thoughts about what we are experiencing in Tanzania. So, I'd like to start including occasional notes about issues that may not make it into a "typical" newsletter. My musings may get a bit long, so don't feel compelled to read them, but for those who would like to hear more, I hope that it gives you a bit more perspective on our lives in TZ and in missions. Here's my first shot.

There's been quite a bit of discussion the last 4 months between myself and the field leadership about what **my role will be when we return**. As is very common, missionaries are asked to fill in the gaps where there are needs, otherwise important work just won't get done. This is a critical part of being a team, and especially in an endeavor where gaps come when people go on furlough, or the people on the ground just don't have the gifts or strengths to fill in those gaps. Unfortunately (speaking from a fleshly perspective), these tasks take us away from what we are "really" supposed to do, or what we "want" to do, and typically are not what we were trained to do. So, how do I respond when I am asked to take on a different role for the good of the team and the project?

I can't say that it is an easy answer for me. But in short, I have accepted a role that is a bit different than what I was expecting when we return to Musoma. My role will have two responsibilities: coordinating and leading the **linguistics** team (this is the team that is responsible for developing the writing system and alphabets for the languages) and construction manager. **Construction Manager?** Yep. While we have been on furlough, the property where our office is located was purchased, and renovation and new construction to accommodate the Tanzanian translators will be starting soon after I return. My engineering experience seems to be a valuable asset as I consider this work. As intimated above, there are some aspects of both roles that excite me, but some that are a little less desirable. I'm sure that a lot of you can relate to this. I would appreciate your prayers for me for patience and that I would fully embrace my new role. May God be glorified through my efforts. I'm looking forward to any responses you may have at

dusty_hill@sil.org .

Prayer:

1. Pray for Dusty as he studies for and takes his exams on Saturday the 16th.
2. Pray for Jack as the pediatric gastroenterologist is testing his blood and Jack goes through a trial period without milk or soy products to determine possible gastrointestinal issues.
3. Pray for us to be able to tackle the lengthy pre-departure "to-do list" (including selling Dusty's motorcycle) and say our good-byes well.

Praises:

1. The mother of a good friend is buying our car!
2. Ashleigh is coming with us to care for the kids during the Swahili refresher course.
3. Our financial support remains strong in spite of the problematic economy.

As always, we wish to convey our deep gratitude for your faithful support of our family and ministry through financial giving, prayer, encouragement, and friendship. We have been blessed greatly by your generosity and kindness toward us. We couldn't return to Tanzania without your partnership. **Thank you!**

In His Grip,

Kim, Dusty, Tessa, and Jack Hill (photos: at the Albuquerque Aquarium, kids in the Texas bluebonnets) (Again, please send all replies to kim_hill@sil.org or dusty_hill@sil.org as this gmail account is ONLY used for sending.)