

living well in TANZANIA

MISSION

June 8 -12

- Pastoral Family Enrichment Training for 40 pastor couples
- Children's Conference for 50 children

June 18 - July 5

- Building a Marriage Ministry Workshop 100 Pastors and church leaders
- Individual follow-up for churches to assist them in implementing marriage ministry plan
- Teaching on Marriage in churches

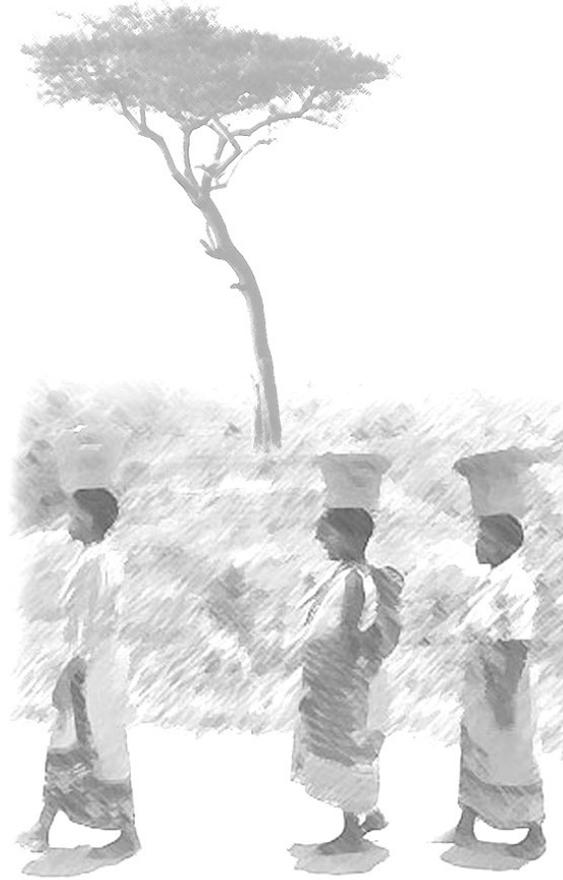
MISSION NEED

We are responsible to raise funds for the conferences and the Bibles. Several ways you can be a part of this mission:

- Sponsor pastor couple(s) @ \$292 each
- Sponsor children @ \$32 each
- Provide Bibles @ \$14 each
- Funding is needed by June 1st!

MISSION TEAM

- ED and DONNA EDWARDS
Putnam City Baptist Church
- ALVIN, KIM, LUCY, and MILLIE BATES
Henderson Hills Baptist Church
- JUSTIN and ANNA KIWOVELE, A.L.A.R.M. Tanzania Directors



MISSION FIELD

related to our MISSION CALL

- They are: Poor financially
→ But, are: Rich in relationships
We: Encourage relationships - key to impacting a culture
- They are: Minority religion
→ But, have: Major faith in their Lord
We: Show how faith appeals to majority Muslim population
- They have: Few personal possessions
→ But, have: Generous hospitality
We: Utilize hospitality/generosity to convey values
- They have: Little theological training
→ But, have: Extreme desire to learn
We: Teach & train, they will sit all day & learn
- They have: Tremendous physical suffering
→ But, have: Intense, joyous worship
We: Worship together; experience their joy
- They have: No Christian resources
→ But, have: Great appreciation for what they receive
We: Give Bibles and notebooks
- They have: Sinful, cultural, family customs
→ But, have: Fervent belief in *known* Biblical values
We: Compare culture & Bible

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Facts Related to the Mission

DATE June 4 - July 7
(total time gone)

How long to get there?

We will be on 3 flights, taking about 26 hours from departure in OKC to arrival in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Why Africa?

After meeting Celestin Musekura, founder of Africa Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (A.L.A.R.M.) in 1999, God touched our hearts for the needs of the Church in Africa. Before Africa became a celebrity cause, we knew that God wanted us to do what we could to help train pastors. Most pastors in east Africa have little or no training in any area and have no resources available for learning.

Why marriage training?

Marriage is our special area of teaching and training in the U.S. We found that it is especially needful in east Africa because of the rate of HIV infection, which is transmitted primarily by heterosexual adults. Abstinence before marriage and fidelity in marriage becomes critical to the containment of the spread of HIV.



UNITED STATES

Oklahoma City

Maps are reproduced to scale. Notice the large difference in the size of the continental U.S. to the African continent. Tanzania is about 1/10 the size of the U.S.

Tanzania

Population: about 41 million people

GDP (nominal) per capita: \$521,
compared to \$46,859 in the U.S.

Language: primarily Swahili, English is the official language in higher education and in the higher courts

Life expectancy: 45 years

Government: Republic (gained independence from Great Britain in 1961)

Religion: Islam 35%, Indigenous 35%, Christianity 30% , charismatic groups are growing the fastest

Islam influence

Muslim influence is very strong in the coast area where we will be. Bagamoyo was a port for ships that were part of the Arabian slave trade route.

Christians in all of east Africa are very concerned about the spread of Islam in the region. This area was the one of the first places that Muslims settled in Africa.



Tanzania

Why stay so long?

Since Ed is working full-time at Living Well, we have the ability to stay longer. We have long known that churches (here and in Africa) need specific training on how to go through the step-by-step process of building a comprehensive marriage ministry. After the pastoral enrichment conference, we will do a workshop on that topic, followed by individual meetings with churches to help them make the process work at their church.