

About Our July Trip to Tanzania



We thought it would be informative and fun to describe to the congregation our expectations of the upcoming trip to our sister church in Tanzania. We recently received welcoming invitations from the Pastors of Kikatiti parish and plans are being made to have host families share their homes (nyumbani) with us.



Official Tanzania Arms

Our main objective is to build a bridge (figuratively) between Our Savior's and Kikatiti Parish. We will tell them of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, of Oconomowoc and Wisconsin, our lives, our prayers (swala), our friends and our faith in Lord Jesus (Bwana Yesu). We will be traveling with members from St. Matthew's in Wauwatosa. They also have a sister parish they will be visiting during our trip. Together, we will first visit the Meru Diocese Office and their Bishop. They will greet us and give us blessings (baraka) on our endeavor.

Every person will take two suitcases with one designated for medical supplies. We will give these to the Diocese to stock their dispensaries. We will not be taking medicine as that poses too much of a problem at customs. Medicine, although needed can be bought in Tanzania. If money is donated for that purpose we can buy it there. **We are looking for donations of any medical or surgical supplies (Surgical gloves, catheters, bandages, gauze, forceps, tweezers, scissors, etc.) or money to buy medicine.** There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. \$\$ donations (checks payable to OSLC, envelope labeled Tanzania trip) can be put in the collection plate or sent to the office.



A Family Bicycle Ride

On Sundays (jumapili) we will be very busy. There will be two services and an auction where donations are brought and the people bid on them. The money then goes to the church offerings. A lunch follows with fellowship (ujamaa) time. Kikatiti has five preaching points/places. Not all of these are a church (kanisa). Some preaching points are gathering places like the shade of a tree. The five of us will split up, probably into smaller groups, and go



Mount Meru

to the various preaching points to give a welcome and to share our stories (hadithi). While staying with our host homes we will travel about the parish and visit other homes. I have heard that many of the people we will meet have never seen an American (Mmarekani) or a white person before. We are hoping to visit two of the National Parks that are nearby. Arusha National Park is Mount Meru, an extinct Volcano. Its lush slopes are where coffee (kahawa) is grown. Its tropical forest supports colorful birds and monkeys. Tarangere



National Park is south of Arusha. It is a savannah and is home to the big animals like elephants (ndovu) and lions (simba).

We look forward to sharing our walk with God with the people of Kikatiti.

The Tanzania Gang Pastor Karen, Jim Day, Joyce Block, Gloria Goodrich, Ruthann Rohde



Kiswahili is the official language of Tanzania. Here are some more basic words and phrases:

Jambo Hodi? = Hello, may I come in?

hello (to more than one person) = jamboni

Karibu = Draw near, you are welcome

goodbye = kwa heri

goodbye (said to more than one person) = kwa herini

goodbye (we'll see each other again) = tutaonana

peace = amani

love one another = pendana

Christian = a kikristo

Food = chakula

