

Update from Makang'wa

Dear Friends,

This is a short message to share my movements with you as I prepare to fly to Billings. I am due to fly out from Dar es salaam at 5.20pm this Wednesday and to arrive in Billings on NW at 10:40pm on Thursday. This will give me a couple of days to get prepared for Monday's surgery. I ask for your prayers – for successful surgery and for 'patience during the healing time! Do continue to pray for rain for this dry land. Once again the rains seems to have strayed away and there is great anxiety in the villages. Pray for rain.

Today I collected Richard Ince from the Dodoma bus. It was an eight hour trip from Dae es salaam. Now it takes nine hours to fly to Dar from England! We Had a long wait in Dodoma on this Sunday afternoon but finally he did arrive. Richard is a splendid man, an Englishman with an American accent. He spent a number of years living on Long Island but now lives in Somerset, not so far from Bristol. Richard has 'hands on' experience with tree growing and forestry programs. I am sorry that I shall have only two days with him however it is providential that Gordon Matthews is still here. They will have a good time together and hopefully Richard and the NGO he represents will support our proposal.

Sundays continue to be busy. Today I preached at St. John's, Makang'wa. The Sunday before I preached at the Assembly of God at Mvumi Mission. Before that it was St. John's, Mvumi Makili, then St. Mark's, Makang'wa. The last I will mention was Jerusalem Church, a sub parish of Iringa Mvumi, south east of here. The church sits on top of a 'church sized hill'. It is really quite wonderful. The building was packed, with people gathered outside looking in at all windows. We celebrated Holy Baptism! I am sure the catechists know how many were baptized but 'we' lost count at 45! Many were young people and adults. Of coirse, they had prepared for this, intending it to be a wonderful celebration.

I spent a good part of Saturday at a Board of Directors meeting in Dodoma. It was held in a room at the 'Dear Mama Hotel'. Now, there is a wonderful name. It really means. We will care for you just as your mother would. And they do! The meeting went very well and I do believe good progress was made.

Every blessing.

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