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# Guild Mission Update

Fall 2023



**All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. – Psalm 86:9**

**The Impact of Faithful Service**



In October I made a two week trip to Tanzania—I had the joy of celebrating another water-well dedication with the Tunyenye-Ng’wabasabi village community (the 4th water project this year). As usual, all levels of the local area government administrators either attended or sent a representative. This time the big “Diwani,” wearing the customary political-party green shirt, came himself! When it was his turn to speak, in addition to the usual thanks and praise (and requests), he specifically called out one of the Sukuma church movement’s key leaders, Yohana Lubasha. He publicly showered Yohana with praise for his tireless and multi-faceted work in the villages in the Diwani’s area. Yohana, who is a humble and salt-of-the-earth personality, has been instrumental in starting churches and leading a conservation agriculture program, in addition to other roles. I felt very proud hearing how Yohana’s faithful leadership, along with many others around him, has impacted so many people in his area—Praise God for faithful leaders like him! (pictured above, right, with another leader from his home area as they travel from a seminar)



## Love One Another...



I suppose it is human nature that we all struggle with getting along. Relationships can be one of the hardest things in life, whether at work, on a team, or even family. The church is no different—we are human! But we are called to be more, to be true humans that reflect God’s image in the world, like Jesus. And a big part of maturing in Christ, and in the body of Christ—the church, is learning to love one another as Jesus did (and all that that means). This can be particularly difficult in a high-context society where everyone lives in close-knit communities, both geographically and relationally, and it’s harder to run away or disappear into the masses.

Without going into the long story and tedious details, I had the joy of witnessing a reconciliation between leaders and the church community. I was so thankful for Sweetbert (whom I still see periodically) who had been reaching out to the parties involved. Together we worshiped at the Nduha church and everyone present rejoiced and shared kind words of appreciation for one another. Not that these relationships are now settled or don’t need more work, but we thank God for his Spirit working in the hearts of these disciples in Nduha—and for people like Sweet, who has had his own journeys of struggling to follow Jesus, and still has a passion for bringing *shalom*.



**“Tembelea” – Swahili for call on or visitation;  
sharing news and encouraging hearts (Eph.6:22, Col.4:8)**



We are thankful for continued church leader training courses at the TTT training center (picture above). Every month there are courses or events taking place that church and community leaders attend. There are monthly Bible and ministry courses, agriculture training, youth discipleship training, women's seminars, and weekly health program meetings. We also hold various TTT board meeting activities such as when we met to approve and submit our annual reports as we did my last trip.

In October I also visited several churches and leaders' homes (pictures below). I already mentioned visiting Nduha for worship but we also spent time at Mathayo's house. His grandson showed us some sewing he was working on. Another Sunday I worshiped with the christians at Rangi and spent the afternoon with Raphael's family. In addition to ministering at church Raphael is the water program's treasurer and the local village chairman. I went with several church leaders to greet Josephat and his family at their new home in Sengerema. Josephat's father in law had recently passed away so it was especially good to encourage them. Josephat is one of the teachers of the Bible training courses. We also visited Hermani and his family at Iteja. Hermani showed us his brick house he is slowly building. Because Hermani lives near the TTT office he serves in many ways as a caretaker for the facility and operations. I am



## Prayer Requests

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support of this ministry. Please pray for...

- projects like the water well at Tunyenye, that they strengthen local churches
- continued reconciliation at Nduha
- the many church leaders to be faithful as they serve
- thanksgiving that the rains have begun, for a good growing season
- upcoming travels for 2 Tanzanian church leaders visiting Kenya this week
- ongoing courses and events held at the TTT training center



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