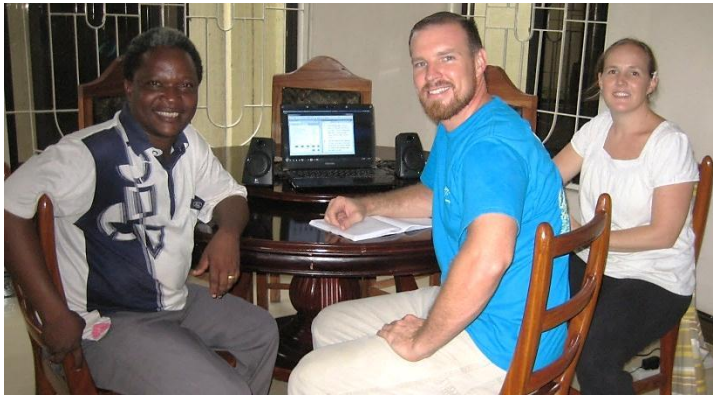


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Wheels in Motion: Ellis Family Update *February 2012*



Our language helper and pastor, George, with Amy and I as we study Kiswahili and the Bible. It has been a lot of fun learning the Bible stories and vocabulary in Kiswahili.

I guess you could call this time in our life and ministry here in Tanzania... **'Focused'**. There are a handful of things that we are very focused on right now. First is our **language acquisition**. We have been putting in a few extra hours in order to prepare for a language **evaluation**, Mar 12-14. Second is finding and moving into a **house** closer to the center of town for several reasons. Third is preparing for April when Amy will be attending a seminar in

Thailand on how to train language helpers. (She'll be gone 2 ½ weeks and I'll have all the kids to myself!) Another is helping our church here to **purchase** a building and renovate it so it can be usable for worship, classrooms, offices, etc. Amidst all this, we try to be intentional about **ministering** wherever we can; Our workers, families in the church, people in our neighborhood, and to each other. We know **God** is at work. It may be hard to see **fruit** right now, but we trust Him & His Word. There will be fruit.

WHAT'S NEW?

- * Our first set of coworkers finally arrived in February!
- * Amy's computer is dying...☹️
- * Emily has an interview for her Kindergarten in March.
- * We travel to a language school in March to meet w/ coworkers.
- * We Skyped w/NTBI for chapel.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS:

- *Praise God*, He never fails to provide for us.
- *Pray* for funds to come in. ~\$8,000 see below.
- *Pray* that we find the right house. God knows.
- *Pray* for us before and during Amy's seminar.
- *Praise: God* provided funds for Amy's travel.
- *Pray* for us before & during our language eval.
- *Praise God* for continued safety and health.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 12- 14
Language
Eval

Mar 30
Emily's
Birthday

Mar 29 – Apr 9
Shelbyanne's
mid-term break

Apr 17 – May 5
Amy's seminar
in Thailand

Tanzania!

We have had so much fun recently, digging into more cultural things and how Tanzanians do things. One thing we have learned is that you don't talk about serious matters during a meal and you don't have food while you are having a work meeting. You can talk before, or afterwards, but when the food is served, everyone focuses on the food. When you finish what you were served you may get more if there is some, but you may not just leave. You must spend some time in conversation or finish your discussion. Sometimes, you may be required to stay until the host tells you it's time to go! Imagine that!



Support Update



I am always amazed at what God does every month to provide us with the support that we need. Over the past year we saved \$9,000 to prepare for rent this year. We think rent will be around \$13,000 again, rather than the \$9,000 we had planned. Also, we know that we will owe some taxes (maybe as much as \$3,000). We are praying that the Lord provides \$8,000 so that we have enough to cover rent, taxes, moving, seminar costs, and a computer for Amy. Please seek the Lord and see how He wants you to be a part of providing these funds for our life and ministry.

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To Support the Ellis Family go to:
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Attach a note designating
the funds to **Rob and Amy Ellis**

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Shelbyanne: Each week this tender-hearted girl finds something to take to all her classmates. She's getting so tall and losing lots of teeth. She's very good at math, spelling, and reading, but she is very shy to speak Swahili.



Emily: Is very creative! She loves to paint, color, draw, and tell jokes/stories. She's excited for her b-day and wants a hula hoop.



Donovan: He is learning so much and speaking a lot now. His new favorite things are fake sneezing and burping, then saying "Skuz me." Some days he spends his whole naptime jumping off the edge of his bed onto his mattress. And he still LOVES cars.

