

BEGA KWA BEGA (Shoulder To Shoulder)

TRIP DEVOTIONAL:

FROM MINNESOTA TO TANZANIA AND HOME AGAIN!

June 28-July 14, 2018



Tracy Westman and Beth Hostager are the travelers. This trip devotional is set up so that you can see what we are doing each day, look up a verse in the bible and think and pray with us. We will be using the same devotional in Tanzania on our journey.... worshiping and praying together half a world away!



THURSDAY June 28: Leave Minnesota in the afternoon and fly to Boston then catch an overnight flight (about 9 hours) to Istanbul, Turkey.

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** God give us traveling mercies in the days ahead. God's plans!



FRIDAY June 29: Short layover in Istanbul then an 8 hour flight to Dar Es Salaam (the capitol) of Tanzania.

Verse: Deuteronomy 31:8 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** That God gives us an assurance of protection and may we trust daily in that.



SATURDAY June 30: Arrive in Dar (at 2:30 AM) and head to the Hotel to get some sleep and wait for our travel companions from Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Maplewood to arrive

Verse: 1 Peter 1:13 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** Preparing for the journey in heart and mind.



SUNDAY July 1: We will leave Dar and travel inland by a bus to Iringa. The ride to Iringa is about 300 miles.... usually about an 6-8 hour journey!

Verse: Psalm 46:10-11 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** That we are running on God's timing and not ours and to be patient.



MONDAY July 2: Visiting the University in Iringa and an orphanage. Stopping at a Danish Bookstore to buy some devotional's and books.

Verse: Colossians 3:12-17 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** Remember to be in God's clothing and dwell in him.



TUESDAY July 3: We will in Iringa and making visits to the head office for the Lutheran Diocese. Going to the market to make purchases before we head to the villages.

Verse: Romans 12:2 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** Be transformed to what God wants for us each day.



WEDNESDAY July 4: Heading to the Village of Iwonde (one of the churches we sponsor with our mission funds). Meeting the brand-new Pastor, Anania Kadege, and members of the congregation.

Verse: Isaiah 6:8 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** As we look forward to meeting the new friends may we be blessed to know that we are sent (Here I am Lord...go ahead and sing if you know the song!)



THURSDAY July 5: Visiting preaching points and living in the village of Iwonde. Matching up prayer partners.

Verse: Ephesians 3:16-19 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** May we see and comprehend the love of God around us.



FRIDAY July 6: Visiting preaching points and living in the village of Iwonde. Matching up prayer partners.

Verse: Romans 1:11-12 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** To be encouraged and mutually share in the faith.



SATURDAY July 7: Complete visit at Iwonde and transferring to the village of Ihimbo. Pastor Yona will be one of our visitors here in October!

Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** To walk through the day remembering what God values.



SUNDAY July 8: Worshipping with the Ihimbo Church. The sermon will be given by Tracy and it will be based on today's verse and Pastor Tim's pipe! Beth will be playing her flute! Matching up prayer partners.

Verse: 1 John 4:7-8 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** Love one another for love comes from God.



MONDAY July 9: Living in the village of Ihimbo and visiting the various preaching points. Matching up prayer partners. **Verse:** Psalm 147:1 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** As we are building relationships may we continue to praise God and live in the joy!



TUESDAY July 10: Going to the village of Ipalamwa to visit with the former Pastor of Ihimbo (and now a much-loved friend) and his family. This is the family we got to bless with a safari in 2014 because of funds that you raised!

Verse: Psalm 25:8-10 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** Lead us on God's path and be steadfast.



WEDNESDAY July 11: Back to Iringa and taking a shower for the first time in 8 days! Also any shopping we want to do.

Verse: John 7:37-38 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** The reminder of how precious water is but what is the true life-giving water.



THURSDAY July 12: Depart Iringa and head back to Dar. Dinner on the Indian Ocean and some shopping. Get dropped off at airport in Dar.

Verse: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** Reflecting on the bonds that have been formed with our partner congregations and in several months the visitors we will have at St. Stephen's.

St. Stephen's----Ihimbo-----Iwonde.....not easily broken.



FRIDAY July 13: Leave Tanzania on an early morning (3:25 AM) flight to Istanbul. Arrive in Istanbul in mid-morning then depart for Boston at 2:30 PM and arrive in Boston at 6:30 PM (many time changes)

Verse: Psalm 51:10-12 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** As we travel keep us in a good spirit and restore us.



SATURDAY July 14: We depart Boston for last leg home at 6:00 AM on Saturday and arriving in Minneapolis just after 8:00 AM.... HOME!

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11-14 **Prayer/Thought for the Day:** God knows the plans...and we trust them!