

P.O. Box 1344  
Kigoma, Tanzania  
September, 1993

Dear Friends and Family,

O'Hare Airport, Chicago. The goodbyes don't get any easier. We are going to a new country, new home, under new circumstances. But God's faithfulness is always the same. He has called us.

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. 3:30 A.M. Our resident visas are lost in the mail and we are arriving without any visas. The immigration official—after a long pause—said, "\$10. per person for your temporary visas, please." Sleepy and travel weary, Kimberly exclaimed, "Oh Daddy, please pay it—it's worth it!" I laughed. Considering the alternatives, she was right!

Across the terminal a smiling face with searching eyes located us. Superintendent Muyombi spent days on a filthy train crossing Tanzania just to be at this airport in the middle of the night—to help us.

One week later, on the other side of the country, our journey ended in Kigoma, Tanzania. What joy to be greeted by the folks of the United Methodist Church. A meal was waiting with many hand shakes & introductions. Pastors and Superintendents from all over Tanzania were there. Many are dear friends & pastors from Zaire, now themselves serving as missionaries in this neighboring country. As we prayed together and asked God's blessing on the work ahead, our hearts filled with gratitude—it is a new place, but we are back home.

Our house was in need of extensive modification (wiring, plumbing, carpentry work, paint). We have been making progress on this work. The container of medicines, supplies, and our personal effects has arrived in the capital and is being held by customs while paperwork issues are resolved. Everything is going very well.

The news from the USA is encouraging. Funds are coming in. **Thank you to all who are making this ministry possible.**

The *Joy in the Harvest Women's Retreat* has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 6, 1993 at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois. Top speakers and music are scheduled including Linda Ridgway, wife of martyred United Methodist pilot Stan Ridgway. Contact Linda Trout (708-474-5696) or Ruth Wertz (708-474-2354) for information and registration. Don't miss it!!

We have received many pictures of Prayer Partners. Have you sent yours yet? *Joy in the Harvest* Stateside address is P.O. Box 496, Lansing IL 60438. They will be forwarded to us.

God's richest blessings in all ways.

Love,

*Lowell, Claudia  
Kimberly & Luke*