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Dear Friends, Churches, and Family,

Our kids are home! You can't imagine the excitement around our house. It almost killed us not to have them home for Christmas. When Luke became very sick at college, having to make two trips to the emergency room and missing two weeks of school, we thought we would go crazy being on the wrong side of the ocean. It was a difficult nine month separation for our family, but now they are home!

Kimberly received her ticket home though a special grant from Asbury College because she was leading an internship team of Asbury students and recent alumni. Luke came to work for *Joy in the Harvest* at the computer school and on website development.

Our kids arrived in Tanzania with the six interns in tow. Our place was instantly buzzing with young people. The interns were the first to stay in the new guesthouses.

For six weeks these interns inspired me. Watching the sincerity of faith, eagerness to serve, and love for people that characterized these Christian young people gave me great optimism for the future of mission work.

Three weeks after the interns arrived, our team of seven from Zionsville, Indiana came. The interns moved out of the new guest houses and into our old house on the other side of town, thus experiencing some of the ups and downs of mission life. They would be our last guests to use the old house because it has now been sold. The Zionsville folks proved to be great fun and our only regret was that their time was too short.

One missionary asked me what our dinner table looked like with eighteen people every night. I told him it looked like a medieval banquet table complete with candles and a rowdy crowd.

The new guest houses are already being used for the glory of God. We want to thank all the supporters of *Joy in the Harvest* for making these facilities a reality. The guest houses will enable us to host more guests while making our work load lighter.

I was a college student when I made my first trip to Africa, and it changed my life. We are grateful to our supporters for making the internship program possible and for enabling these young people to experience mission work for themselves.

It's a great summer!

Love,

*Lowell, Claudia  
Kimberly + Luke*

# It's a Great Summer



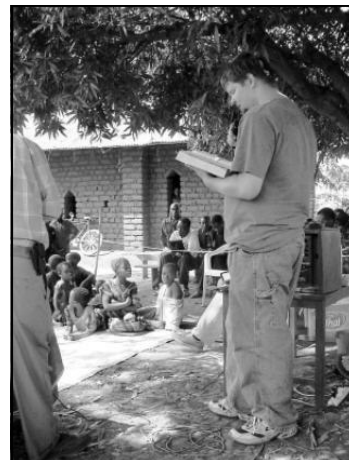
**Intern Ashley Haddock learns how to carry water.**



**Zionsville, IN Team donated used clothes for hundreds of orphans.**



**Our Interns for 2005.**



**Intern Bryan Roll doing**



**Sports Program creates an opportunity to talk about AIDS.**



**From Zionsville to the African jungle to see Jane Goodall's wild chimpanzees.**

# Joy in the Harvest



## AFRICA NEEDS MISSIONARIES

### Interns Come to Africa!

Be ashamed  
to die  
until you have  
won  
some victory  
for humanity.

Horace Mann 1796-1859  
father of American public school education

**Six college-age mission interns spent six weeks with us, learning about mission work in Tanzania.**

Each intern indicated a willingness to serve the Lord as a career missionary, if God leads. The

purpose of the internship was to provide training and insight to enable the interns to serve as successful missionaries.

**The interns each had their own service assignments.**

They served in many different places, including an orphanage, the destitute camp, a hospital, a widows' support group, the Friday people program, teaching English, AIDS education through youth sport programs, repairing computers, *Jesus Movie* village evangelism, and cataloging books for a future Christian library.

**What a privilege it was to work with these young people!**

Pray for the next generation of missionaries and for their efforts to spread the Gospel. ✠

#### → CHECKLIST →

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##### ☺ Website Upgrade!

www.joyintheharvest.com

The JOY website has undergone a major upgrade! Beside the new look, we will be able to update it more frequently. Check it out!!



## WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

**A team of seven from the United Methodist Church of Zionsville, Indiana came to visit us and do mission work in Africa. For twelve days they were a blessing to us!**

The team of seven from Indiana quickly became like family to us. They also endeared themselves to the Tanzanians. From visiting the destitute camp, to working at the



**Zionsville, Indiana team at the Gungu United Methodist Church in Kigoma, Tanzania.**

hospital, they gave testimony to the love of Christ. They fit into the work so easily, we threatened to just keep them here! The team, from left to right: Mike Flynn, Betty Allen, Jo Flynn, Kay Newman, Rev. Marti Troyer, Kathie Watson, and Emily Sortor. ✠



WELCOME!

## New Guest Houses Are Ready!

**We are celebrating the completion of two new mission guesthouses!**

The dedication service was held on June 11, 2005. The guest houses were named *Kitley House* and *Calvin House* in honor of Dale and Ann Kitley and Ed and Olivia Calvin, long time friends of *Joy in the Harvest*.

The two guesthouses give us a total of four guest bedrooms, four guest bathrooms, one kitchen, a dining & sitting area, and a laundry and work room. Each bedroom has its own patio overlooking Lake Tanganyika.

We are thankful for these facilities which will enable us to comfortably accommodate future guests. Come to Kigoma and use them! ☩



**Sitting area, dining area, and kitchen of the Kitley House.**

**Lowell & Claudia at the service dedicating the new guests houses to God. We hung pictures and plaques in honor of the Kitley and Calvin families.**



### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Is Tanzania Safe?

**Q. How safe is Tanzania and that area of Africa?**

(asked by an intern's parent)

A. There is no doubt that Africa is a troubled continent. In the last fifty years, 36 of Africa's 52 nations have experienced war and armed conflict. In the last five years, 3.8 million have died due to war in Congo. Tanzania shares borders with Congo and Burundi. These nations are presently fighting civil wars.



**Distributing Bibles to Congolese church leaders in the Lugufu Refugee Camp in Tanzania**

However, Tanzanians take pride in being a peaceful people and often helping to negotiate peace treaties between other nations. Since our coming to Tanzania, we have seen the arrival of refugees from Rwanda, Congo, and Burundi. The Kigoma area has over a half million refugees, and helping refugees is a part of our work. Tanzania has remained peaceful despite the wars of neighboring counties. ☩

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3*