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Dear Friends,

We sat in Kigoma watching a television satellite feed from South Africa. We joined 2 billion others watching the new millennium's first arrival with a dazzling fireworks display in Sydney, Australia. As the fireworks ended, one word was left blazing across the Sky Harbor Bridge--



Arthur Stacy, an Australian, was the son of alcoholic parents, one of five siblings – all the others died of debauchery. At 12 he had a criminal record and at 15 he was jailed. An alcoholic through his twenties, at 32 he joined the army. It was World War I and he served as a stretcher bearer and he was injured with mustard gas. In 1930, during the depression, living on handouts and alcohol, he went to a church feeding program and he saw Christians for the first time. Just seeing them was a life changing experience. He managed to give up alcohol and got a job. In 1932 he heard a preacher say, “*I wish I could shout ‘Eternity’ through the streets of Sydney.*” Using chalk, for the next 33 years Stacy wrote the word “Eternity” on sidewalks and doorways, all over the city. Over ½ million times he wrote this one word message. When Arthur Stacy died in 1967, he refused a funeral so the money could be given to Baptist missions. All Sydney felt the loss. The few remaining examples of Stacy’s “Eternity” signs are treasured. Stacy inspired the Eternity Gallery of the National Museum of Australia. And the sign on the bridge.

We live in a temporal world. But God made us for eternity. We can do things that will last forever. An ordinary man’s one-word message spoke to 2 billion people that day. May his message remind us of all that is important – for eternity.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia



Lot's of smiles when the fishing kits are given out



Inside a fishing kit: hooks, line, bobbars, sinkers, and a tract called "Jesus Loves Fishermen"



Students are eager to lean English



Seventeen choirs sang unto the Lord



Melissa using *Logic Pro X* software to record the choirs



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AFRICANS LIVE FOR THEIR MUSIC

First Annual Choir Competition!

**Where words
fail,
music speaks.**

Hans Christian Anderson
1805—1875

Author of many “fairy-tales” that have
been translated into more than 150
languages

A work team from Glens Valley UMC in Indianapolis came to help with the recording studio. Led by Melissa Mohler, who had been out last December, they conducted our first ever church choir competition.

Seventeen choirs performed a spectacular variety of African music.

One of the rules was that the choir had to create all the music themselves. No pre-recorded background music was allowed. Instruments, amplifiers, and even some rocks and sticks came into the studio. The music was excellent.

The choir members were intense in their preparation. Coming in their robes, they took extended time in prayer before their recording session.

One memorable experience was when a woman, who was the lead singer for a choir, nailed her difficult piece. The other members hugged her, cheered her, and danced in celebration.

Melissa is now mixing and mastering the CDs and they should be ready in September. ✕



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📄 **Tanzania Postal Rate Increase**

Our newsletters are printed in Africa, but posted in America. It saves money to do it this way — when we can.



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

The Wheatland Salem United Methodist Church of Naperville, IL has been a major force for good in Africa and around the world.

From the beginning of our ministry in Tanzania, this church has been highly involved. Our first work team to Tanzania came from this church. This church was the major financial



**The Wheatland Salem UMC team:
Anand Abraham, Kathy Abraham,
Jeanette Abrams, Steven Moga, and
Robert Crosby**

contributor to the Community Center. This trip they picked up our spirits and dug in to help with the work. They developed programs for Radio JOY, taught English classes, taught science with a microscope, and did “fishing kit evangelism” along the shores of Lake Tanganyika. Hundreds received the gospel with a Swahili tract. Thank you for coming! Come back soon! ✕

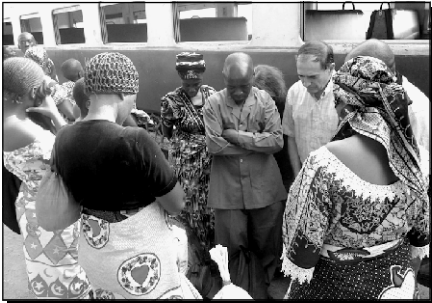


NEWS FOR YOU

From The Heart Of Africa

Medical Patients Still Receiving Help

When our free medical clinic ended, there were some patients that needed follow-up and specialized treatments. Some needed to be taken to distant hospitals. One patient continues to receive oxygen treatment in Kigoma for severe leg wounds. Donated funds make this possible.



Praying for patients and JOY staff leaving on the train for Dar.

Want More Info On Happenings at JOY?

Hal and Sue Hoege, our two-year volunteers working in Kigoma, are doing a blog. They have spent six months with us and have been a huge help! It is a great way to see the work through new eyes and share with them in their experiences. You can see their full blog, with video clips, at:

<http://onamissionblogdotcom.wordpress.com/2014/08/15/reflections/>

It is worth typing this into your browser to see the full blog. Also, you can email them and receive their latest blog posts via email. Their email address is:

hoege@joyintheharvest.com

In Brief...

- **Still waiting** on the Radio JOY license. The word we have is that license applications, including ours, are backed up on the Minister of Communications desk waiting for her signature. **Pray with us!**
- Lowell & Claudia are **expecting!** Their fourth grandchild, that is... Congratulations Luke & Kara Wertz!
- The **Ebola virus**, that is taking so many lives, is happening in West Africa about 2,500 miles from our location. This epidemic could easily get out of control. Prayer is needed for all affected by this tragedy.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How are you doing with CDs & LPs?

Q. How are donations of CDs and LPs for the radio station coming along?

A. Wonderful! We have enough LPs now and don't need any more. We hope to make a large shipment of LPs to Tanzania this year. **We still need all the CDs we can get!**

Every track on donated CDs and LPs needs to be made into an Apple lossless computer file that we can use for broadcast. We now



Lydia and Anna Ruble resurfacing donated CDs

have about 16,500 music tracks ready. That seems like a lot, but more are needed for our purposes.

Almost all the CDs being donated are used and even damaged CDs are a blessing. We resurface them and try to get every possible track into our station's digital library.

If you would like to donate original CDs of any type of music, please send them to: **Kara Wertz, 8345 Curzon Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45216** ☩

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