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Dear Friends,

A friend just wrote, "Can't wait for things to get back to normal." Our life makes us unsure of what normal is, but this is certainly not it!

It broke our hearts to cut short our furlough-speaking schedule. Due to Covid, over twenty speaking engagements were cancelled. With both sets of our parents having gone to heaven, we couldn't just crash at their houses, like we did in the old days. Without a house in America, our camper became home.

The doctors tell us we are at "high risk" if we contract the Covid virus. Realizing our camper was home for now, as well as a "toe hold" in America in the future, I spent a couple of months working to modify our camper. This involved installing 4 solar panels on the roof with 5 lithium batteries under the bed, and ripping out the camper's underside to install a heater system and insulation to protect our tanks during cold weather.

Now we are in western USA camping on public land, free of charge, with no water or electric hook ups. Beside the cost savings, it is also beautiful and keeps us isolated. We have been busy working on a backlog of work including government reports, new projects for Tanzania, and upgrading our computer.

Our staff in Tanzania stays in constant communication with us. The mission work there continues going forward. October 28th will be the presidential election in Tanzania. The broadcast regulators have clamped down on all radio stations. There seems to be much pre-election tension. We, and almost all the missionaries I know, are having visa and work permit problems. This is an urgent prayer request.

Our area in Tanzania has not yet been hard hit by the Covid virus. If it happens, I can't imagine how awful it could become. We need to be reasonably safe to return to Tanzania so we pray for an effective vaccine to be available soon. Even in this time of disruption, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior. We look forward to our return to Africa.

Love,

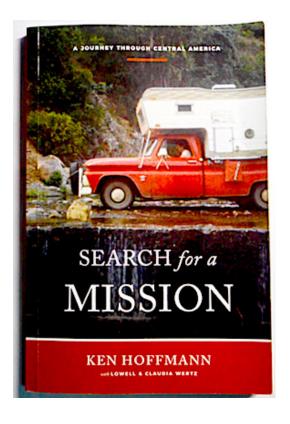
Lowell + Claudia



Boondocking means no hookups, but its free!



Another beautiful sighting! What state are we in?



Our friend, Ken Hoffmann, just wrote an account of our trip together through Central America in 1976. This happened before we were missionaries. I wrote the forward. If you are interested, the book is available on Amazon for under \$7.

Trailer Work



Re-wiring the electrical



Installing batteries, chargers, solar controller, & inverter UNDER OUR BED



Under the trailer, heaters and insulation