

# Africa Bound

## June 2010

### Unexpected Changes

I graduated from the University of Florida in May. I was planning to move to Jackson, Mississippi for an Industrial Engineering internship in nuclear power. Unfortunately, as a result of company cutbacks, the intern positions were cut.

As a result, I am currently living in Gainesville and working a few part-time jobs. I work at a learning center, tutoring high school students, in SAT preparation and subject tutoring. I am also doing after-school tutoring with elementary school students. I am happy to be in Gainesville, I really believe this is where God wants me.

Substitute teaching and tutoring have taught me a lot about the education system in this country and given me exposure to different types of classrooms and various grade levels. My tutoring jobs have given me even more opportunity to teach. I have enjoyed being apart of the education process and have tried to not only teach children math and reading, but also instill confidence in them and encourage them. I only have a limited amount of time with each child, but I feel that God is using the time that I have with them to positively influence at least some of their lives. I plan to stay in Gainesville until June of next year and plan to continue both tutoring and substitute teaching until then.

### Answered Prayers

Towards the end of 2008 the college ministry at my church, First Assembly of God, began to get involved in raising awareness and money for Hananasif Orphanage. This has been an answer to my prayers. Upon returning to the US from my time at Hananasif, I wanted to find ways to raise money for the orphanage and specifically people who would be excited about supporting Hananasif and their cause. I have gotten even more involved in the college ministry this year and have been able to help facilitate a growing relationship between First Assembly and Hananasif. It has been encouraging to see college students here in Gainesville get excited about Hananasif and helping these children and students in Tanzania.



### Return to Tanzania

One way I am facilitating this relationship between the church and Hananasif is by helping lead a trip to take some of these college students to Tanzania to spend two weeks at the orphanage. The trip will take place in June 2010 and will cost me \$2,500.

I remember the feeling I had over a year ago as I sat in the back seat of a taxi on my way to the airport when I was leaving Tanzania. I knew my time there was not done, that I would be back. It will be exciting to see how God uses our group and this trip. The group will be participating in some infrastructure projects at Hananasif Academy and in educational work with the children and students.

As much as I am excited to return to Tanzania, I also really want you to be a part of this process. Here are some ways you can be involved:

- +Pray for Hananasif, the trip and me.
  - +Help collect supplies to bring to Hananasif: school supplies, medical supplies, clothing, etc.
  - +Financial support
- If you would like to help financially with this trip, you can send checks made payable to "First Assembly of God" to my address at the bottom of this letter. All donations are tax deductible.*
- +Any thoughts, advice and questions

Please, let me know if you have any ideas of how I can better keep you informed and involved.

**"They needed to first find the hope. They needed to first know that the loss of their parents or their life on the streets no longer defines them. It is not the streets or the poverty that has given them their name. They have been given a new name. They don't call themselves orphans, no. They call themselves "Watoto wa Mungu." Children of God."**

**Hezekiah Mwalugaja  
Founder and Director of  
Hananasif Orphanage**

This trip to Tanzania and Hananasif is very exciting. I also want you to know that I desire to stay in Tanzania for an entire year. I am currently pursuing different ways to make that happen. Look for another letter from me in the first few months of 2010.

Thank you for your love, support and prayers.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

Sincerely,

**Iris Zielske**

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