

Happy New Year from the Duggans!

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Spending Christmas Eve at a candlelight outdoor service with our Tanzanian church community singing Christmas carols and Scripture reading of Christ's birth!

In Tanzania, Christmas isn't about busy malls, Santa or creating the picture perfect Christmas. The commercialism just isn't here. You can find the odd small Christmas tree in a store, modestly decorated, but generally there's very little around that would indicate that it's Christmas! Christmas parties consist of re-telling the first Christmas story in Scripture readings, drama and song.

There's no mistaking the true meaning of Christmas, as it's nothing but the celebration of Jesus's birth. People gather with family and friends, share a meal together, likely goat, which we ate for the 1st time this Christmas! Adults and children hope for a new outfit to wear to church and if you're a woman, a new hairstyle - braids etc. Toys are not even considered and are rarely seen around.

We brought with us from Canada some of our family traditions that help

make Christmas feel like Christmas which is helpful when you live in a foreign land. Things like Advent calenders, sugar cookie decorations and Christmas crackers. It was nice to have a bit of both worlds this year!

Living in Tanzania makes one re-evaluate what Christmas really is about and how blessed we truly are. We are grateful for family, friends, full bellies and good health!



Click on the picture above for a special Christmas presentation from the children at Village of Hope Mwanza!

As 2017 comes to a close, we are looking to end the year strong and enter into 2018 in a healthy, sustainable financial position.

Would you prayerfully consider making a year end donation to our family's ministry to help make this possible?

To all of our current donors, a big thank you! You are all just as much a part of our ministry as we are! We are in this together, bringing hope and love to vulnerable children and orphans in Africa!

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Notes:

- Please make any cheques out to PAOC & write in memo line 'Jamie & Misty Duggan Tanzania'

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Continued adaptation to Tanzanian culture
2. Continued improvement in our Swahili language learning, Tanzania is 100% Swahili speaking with very few knowing English
3. Success in ministry, realized by reaching lost children without hope and bringing them into the love of the Father and the family of God.

Our Tanzanian Mailing Address

We love to receive letters and small packages from our friends and family in Canada!

Package ideas: craft supplies, stickers and prizes for children's ministries, taco seasoning, hot chocolate or coffee packets, candies, fruit-to-go, swiss chalet sauce, crystal light or koolaid packets.

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