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The month of August flew by fast! We hosted another group from Medical Missions Outreach. Almost 50 doctors, ophthalmologists, physical therapists, and volunteers came from multiple states to set up their free clinic. Through our two clinics this year, we have seen over 1,700 salvations!

Before we could leave for furlough, there were a few details that we had to address. We had to show and train our replacements in the various ministries we serve in. We had to pick up our resident cards at Immigration. We needed to pack up some of our valuable possessions, and Kellie had to seal up any food that would be left during our absence. Landon decided that our last full week in Morogoro was a great time to come down with hand, foot, and mouth disease. Kellie didn't enjoy being cooped up in the house, but it did allow her to prep the house for our departure.

We enjoyed one last Wednesday service at Faith Baptist Church and then headed towards the airport. We flew out of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on August 24 and arrived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 26. The flights and travel were uneventful, unlike our last flights in April. Once we arrived, we focused on our furlough materials: an updated video, a new banner, new custom thank-you cards, and appreciation gifts for our supporters. Kellie even designed a kids' prayer card for Landon.

After spending a few weeks with friends and family in lowa and Illinois, we started our longest stretch of traveling and updating churches. We presented at a different church every weekend of September and October. We started out with our supporting churches in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Kellie has a sister and brother-in-law in Virginia, and we stayed close to them while we were in the area. We then headed towards Missouri, Kansas, and back to Missouri. We

enjoyed our time in Kansas with Kellie's cousins, grandparents, aunt, and uncle.

Landon has enjoyed attending all of the different nurseries and Sunday school classes. There were a few times during the evening services where there was no nursery available for his age. He is definitely not used to sitting still and being quiet, but he did the best he could.



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We enjoyed a mini-vacation with my parents and sister in Branson, Missouri. Landon had a great time riding the kiddle rides at Silver Dollar City. The rain slowed us down some, but it didn't put a damper on our day. We had the opportunity to watch the *Esther* production at Sight & Sound in Branson. Moments like these with family will be the ones that we cherish once we are back in Tanzania.

If you are in the Branson area and want to visit Silver Dollar City, there is a foundation called the Silver Dollar City Foundation, and they provide discounted tickets to missionaries. Kellie and I were able to get in for \$15 each! Kellie just called the number, gave the date of our visit, where we serve, and what mission board we are with. In a world where Christ is not the focus or priority, it's comforting to know that there are still places in America where Christ is the focus.

Before we started our travels, I was shopping at Menards one day. While in the checkout line, I recognized the cashier's accent. I asked her where she was from, and she said she was from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania! I immediately introduced myself and told her that I lived in Morogoro, Tanzania. I started speaking in Swahili to her. During my next visit to Menards, I sought out her register. I was able to give her the Wyatts' website, where Pastor Jerry Wyatt has a full Gospel video presentation in Swahili. I plan on seeking her out again before we leave. I may not be able to witness to someone fully in Swahili, but I can share the Gospel via tract, via passing out a John & Romans, or by providing someone with a website. After all, Jesus said, "Go." He will take care of the rest.

We will be in Iowa the majority of November. We are looking forward to spending Thanksgiving with my family and Christmas in Illinois with Kellie's.

Your missionaries to Tanzania,

Montana, Kellie, & Landon Morrow