



Stubbs' Happenings August 2017

ELCA Missionaries doing leadership development, capacity building, and evangelism through music in Tanzania.

Grace and peace to you from the Stubbs' family.

Many of you have been following our family via CaringBridge.org and Facebook updates, but just in case you haven't please check those out for current information. You already know that this past year has been full of the highest highs and the lowest lows for us. We give thanks that we serve an awesome God who accompanies us in very real ways as we sojourn here on earth. The prayers of literally thousands of people all around the world have sustained us during this time. Thanks be to God!

Some, maybe most of you, have been left hanging a bit in terms of direct contact from us. My sincere apologies for that. Life has been a bit overwhelming at times, but do not despair, God is still at work!



We give thanks that **Carol** and I were able to make a trip to Tanzania together

recently for one week. It was important for Carol to have greet and also receive the numerous affirmations of her vital ministry in Tanzania from current and former students, colleagues, and friends.



Carol returns to Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee on 6 September for the next round of chemotherapy plus a stem cell transplant from her brother. This is the best option for longer remission and Carol has passed all of the pre-testing and is stronger now than since last November.

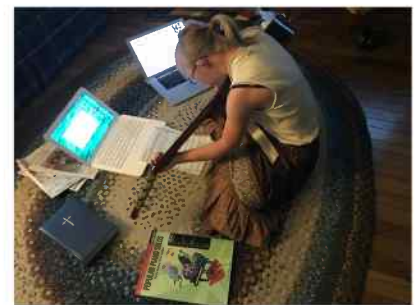
Marissa and I will remain with her until the end of October, and that gives us a chance to do some **home assignment visits**. With special permission from ELCA Global Mission, we will do an abbreviated schedule this year and only visit congregations within a few hours drive of Milwaukee.

If you would like to get one of the few Sundays or Wednesdays between **10 Sept to 29 October** please e-mail me at stubbsrcs@mac.com or call my cell at 414-241-0649. Our sincere apologies for those that

we may not see this year due to our extenuating circumstances.



Other updates: **Megan** (23) has finished the educational component of her Masters final project in Tanzania and returns to Finland next week for her final semester. Oh, and she got engaged last month to another Makumira music graduate, Emmanuel Ndale! Tentative plans are for a March wedding.



Marissa (22) is with us in the States and continues to progress on piano, harp, recorder, and now guitar. She is a big help for me and Carol.

Nathan is back in Austin, TX as a 2nd year Computer Science major and also continues to work part-time for People Patterns.



And **Randy** has been living a double life as primary care giver for Carol and head of various activities at Tumaini University Makumira in Tanzania. I plan to make one more trip this year. In August I made a “quick” trip to the Philippines and Malaysia to work on collaborative activities with Makumira. It was a very full few days, packed with many meetings, performances and connections with Tanzania. Please see the Cultural Arts Centre website (www.cac.ac.tz) and Facebook for more details.



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