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## Ronald and Deborah Williams

# Missionaries to the Maasai and Warusha

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Dear Church and praying friends,

To start with, we firstly want to thank all of you for your continued support of our ministry with the Massai and the Warusha. We feel blessed to be at this point in our work, as we are in the final stages of our first term on the field, and we are excited to see what the Lord has for us on our next term in Tanzania. First, just a quick update on myself, I am fully recovered from my attack at the end of January 2007. I want again to thank all of you who prayed for me and Debi at that time. Thankfully, I do not have any permanent damage. Second, if you have seen any news about Tanzania recently, you will have seen that we are experiencing earthquakes, this is uncommon for here and I believe in the last 7 days we have had 3 tremors per day. It's kind of unsettling having never been through anything like this. The strongest one, 6.1 on the Richter scale was 3-days ago and Debi and I both got out of the house because it shook quite violently. Thankfully, I think it is now over; but, the mountain called Oldonyo Lengai near the Kenyan border has started to smoke. We live in the rift valley and so I guess that says it all. As a result of these tremors, Debi has started having problems with her equilibrium. I read on the Internet that movement in the earth's plates can cause this in some people and I guess that Debi is one of them. Pray that this goes away as she feels a little wobbly.

Since our last letter we have seen growth in our people and also we have seen some who were saved early on; but, then became backslidden, return to the Lord. We praise him for all he is doing in the village of Marurani with and through us. One prayer request that Debi and I both have is to be proficient in Swahili. It is a burden that we want to overcome and so we pray that you would hold us up to the Lord in this.

As you may be aware, because I have some of your e-mail addresses, we are in the process of building our first church building. This is wonderful and all our people are excited about being in our own place and being able to decorate and use the facilities the way we want; however, having said that we are still in need of about \$5000.00 to complete it. I have called many churches and have had a good response but we are still short. Because we are first term missionaries, we are not able to participate in the project fund. I guess they don't expect first term missionaries to be building, so we have to call or write and ask for funds to be sent into our BBFI account marked for building. If you have given to us for this need, we first want to thank you because the foundation is laid and some supplies have been bought with the money you have so generously donated. Secondly if you would be able to give toward the remaining \$5000.00, we and our people would appreciate it. And speaking of our people, they also understand that they have a responsibility towards helping with the money for the church. Now, understand that the average person in our church does not go to work at a secular job; but rather, they farm their land and sell or barter their crops. One young man has pledged to give 25000.00 shillings (that's about \$24.00) and others have said lower amounts; but, most have said they want to give something towards the cost of building their church. These are people who are poor and perhaps make about \$7.00 a week so what they are doing is huge financially and also spiritually. Because this for the most part, this is a socialist society where they have been taught that the government will help you. Praise God for what he is doing in their lives here. I have attached some pictures to give you a better idea of what the building funds are doing here.

We shall be returning to the states for our furlough in October 2007 through May 2008. We would love to be able to come and share what has been going on over here with you in person. If you would like us to come send us an e-mail to [rlw0011@aol.com](mailto:rlw0011@aol.com). And also e-mail me if you would like to receive our e-mail updates that we send out about every two weeks.

In closing, we again want to thank all of you who share in this ministry either by prayer or financial support.

In CHRIST

Ronald and Deborah Williams

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