



Update from Tanzania

September 2009

In Memory of Marty

A memorial service was held for Marty on July 18, 2009 at West Side Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas. It was a beautiful service attended by some 275-300 people from many different States across the USA. Pastor Doug Fraley did a



Flowers surround Marty's portrait after the memorial service. A Tanzanian flag lays below the portrait.

represented Marty's Boeing workplace; Christian Grosse represented Marty's mission work in Tanzania; Charlotte White represented the numerous Short-Term Mission Teams Marty worked with in Tanzania. The eight flowers that surround Marty's portrait, as seen in the photo above, represent each of these areas of Marty's life. The two red flowers above the portrait represent Rachel and Steve. After the service a luncheon was served.

A very sincere thanks goes out to all of the special people who worked so hard to make this a very wonderful service in Marty's memory. And also, thanks to all those who attended the service, especially those who travelled so many miles.

Funds collected after the memorial service in excess of related expenses are being set aside for a memorial project in Marty's name. Much thought went into identifying a project that Marty had mentioned, but was outside of our budget at the time. One such project was needed playground equipment at a Christian nursery school which will be constructed in Ngarenaro. So, thank you to all those who gave, and are continuing to give, to this memorial project to help Marty's ministry in Tanzania extend beyond her lifetime. An appropriate plaque commemorating Marty's life will be displayed with the playground equipment.

wonderful job leading the service and bringing the message. Eight individuals spoke on the different areas of Marty's life: Nathan Jansen, Marty's youngest child, represented the Jansen family; Pat Tomek, Marty's younger brother, represented the Tomek family; Lois Davis, Steve's older sister, represented the McFarland family; Maribeth Enloe represented the friends of

Marty; Pat Brown represented Marty's ministry at West Side Christian Church; Caryn DeVore

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Thanks to those who have added comments, candles, and pictures to Marty's memorial website. It has been a real blessing to me over the past few months. I hope it's been a blessing to you also.
Steve

JOIN US IN PRAYING . . .

- For properly understanding God's will for choosing which planned ministries to put on hold.
- For God's peace that passes understanding in the midst of loss.
- For our own tax exempt status in the US and for duty exemption status in Tanzania
- For clear priorities as we face far too many very good things to do
- For wisdom as we continue to plan and organize this mission

OUR GOALS

- Provide free and low-cost materials to church leaders
- Train leaders to effectively utilize resources
- Develop innovative ways for the poor to obtain key resources
- Utilize short-term volunteers and teams to meet critical needs
- Impart an urgent vision for ministry and evangelism
- Support health and development initiatives
- Bring unity to believers with Bible-focused materials

. . . SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK . . . 2 TIMOTHY 3:17



The Future of Key Connections Ministries

Current KCM Tanzania Staff



Polycarp
(Administrative Assistant)



Steve
(Director)



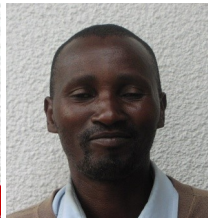
Scola
(Housekeeper)



James
(Gardener)



Saiguran
(Watchman)



Eliphas
(Watchman)

In the weeks after Marty's passing meetings were held with the Key Connections Ministries Board of Directors of Tanzanian and the Key Connections Ministries Board of Directors of the USA. After reviewing the status, the viability, and the on-going need of the ministry it was determined by both Boards that KCM should continue its mission work in Arusha, Tanzania. The basic vision plan remains unaltered, but the 2009 Goals and Objectives plan will be revised to reflect reductions as required. The difficult problem ahead is deciding what ministries Marty

and Steve had jointly planned which now must be put on hold. All the ministries seem so very important in helping the Tanzanian churches to bring their members to Biblical knowledge, understanding, and maturity. Another missionary family is currently in the process of raising support to join KCM in Arusha. Maybe after their arrival some of these ministries that were put on hold can once again be continued.

KCM should continue its mission work in Arusha

"HOME" FOR HOLIDAYS

Currently, plans call for me to arrive in Wichita sometime in mid-November and depart for Tanzania sometime in mid-January. This will be a time to be with family and friends for holiday celebrations, but will also be a busy time of State side mission work. Many legalities need to be completed on the formation of KCM-US. (See related article.) Coordination work needs to be done with a new missionary family coming to Tanzania. Also, coordination work needs to be done with a short-term mission team coming to Tanzania next year. Requests for speaking engagements are already being received. I realize that the holidays are not normally a time churches want to hear from missionaries, but if you would like to receive a personal update on the mission work in Tanzania of KCM, please let me know as soon as possible (mcfarland@bol.co.tz). Also, many legalities need to be completed regarding Marty's passing. Hopefully, I will get a chance to see many of you during this period.

POLYCARP



One important aspect of our ministry is to follow up with the pastors and church leaders who receive the provided media resources. Polycarp will be conducting an extensive Proclaimer calling campaign in order to gather information about usage, problems, and results. Hopefully, this information will help us to better understand what problems they are having and what we can do to help. It should also give us valuable information that can be passed on to Faith Comes By Hearing who provides the units.

Update on KCM-US

As many of you know, while KCM-TZ has been around for awhile KCM-US is just on the verge of becoming a reality. KCM is now incorporated with the State of Kansas and work is progressing toward received our 501c3 tax exempt status with the IRS and a working Board of Directors in place. We are currently enjoying the 501c3 tax exemption provided by Thayer Christian Church in Thayer, Kansas. However, at the end of 2009 we will move under tax exempt covering of KCM's own non-profit organization.

So what does this mean for our supporters? If everything goes as planned, you will receive a letter with all the pertinent information on how and where to continue sending support. For those who have automatic electronic transfers set up, you will receive the new information to allow you this convenience to continue.

So what are the benefits? There are many benefits to the mission work of KCM. First of all, there is a focused and dedicated Board of Directors overseeing the mission work. It will allow more stability while at the same time allowing more freedom to adjust and react to changing conditions on mission field. In the future, KCM-US will be able to provide sending organization support services for other missionaries seeking to join the KCM mission work.

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Famine Relief Project

The drought in northern Tanzania continues to devastate the people living out in the bush. Their prospects are not good unless adequate amounts of rain comes soon. The need for famine relief is critical as first cattle and donkeys begin to die from malnourishment followed by children and women. Key Connections Ministries was able to join forces with JSMOT, another mission working in the Arusha area, to provide a total of 46 tons of corn and beans to three different locations in the remote bush.



Steve pours corn (maize) into a Maasai ladies' sack at Matala B

Day 1: The heavily loaded truck had left the night before for Matala B as it would need to travel at much slower speeds than our SUVs. About 3/4 of the way there the "roads" were so bad that the

truck had to stop and unload half of the food, take the half load on then return and load the left behind food and then deliver it.

They worked all night long before they got all the food to its destination. The rest of us arrived in the SUVs around mid-morning. The stench

of dead animals was a strong reminder of the dire need for some relief. After a worship service, sermon, and a special prayer for rain we began the process of distributing the food to some 600 families. Later as we loaded into the SUVs to make the 90 mile trip back to



KCM-TZ Team (Pictured left to right) Scola (Housekeeper), Steve, Polycarp (Administrative Assistant), James (Gardener)

Arusha we noticed a dark cloud forming overhead. In a few minutes it began to sprinkle, then it began to pour. After about 15 miles we ran out of it, but there was awhile we thought we might get stuck in the mud. Isn't it wonderful how God continues to show us that even in our toughest times he is still there for us, he still cares for us, and is still watching over us.

Day 2: Because of loading delays and a flat truck tire it



800 to 1,000 people wait at Ol Doinyo Sambu church for a small portion of food

was afternoon before we reached Ol Doinyo Sambu. We repeated the same process as the previous day, but this time there were many more people. 800 to 1,000 were there to

receive food. No doubt, many families went home with empty bags for the need always seems to exceed the available resources. But, we praise God for the needy families who were able to have food at their homes this night.

Day 3: We plowed through 8-10 inches of dust to get to Kigongoni. Sometimes the other SUV would simply disappear in a huge cloud of dust. After stopping for a while the dust would clear enough to allow us to continue. 300 families came to receive the food. This area has a strong Muslim community. In the past they sought to oppress the Christian church located there, but the famine relief efforts such as this one has allowed the church to continue their work in this area without hindrance.

We are a little sore from bouncing around in a SUV for 3 days, but very grateful we could be a part of this much needed famine relief project.



Muslims realize the blessing of having a Christian church in their area as they stand in line to receive food

steve mcfarland



LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A Personal Update

I am sure many of you are wondering how I am doing with all the changes that have recently occurred in my life. First of all I want to say that I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and knowing that you are standing behind me in prayer before the Father's throne. This is a great encouragement to press on in the face of so many difficulties. Also, thank you for your continued outpouring of financial support. It is so comforting to be able to exclude financial problems from my list of daily concerns.

For the most part, I am doing much better. I still struggle with the reality of it from time to time, but am finding ways to accomplish the things Marty Always Did. I call them the MADs of which there is a very long list. There is a growing confidence that in time I will overcome the present struggles and continue to better follow God's vision for me and the mission work of Key Connections Ministries in Tanzania.

Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Because of the call,
Steven McFarland

REGIFTING?

It's a trend around the world and we think it has merit! Does your church have glass communion cups or trays no longer in use? Do you have a good digital camera that has been set aside for a newer model? Or a working laptop computer you have replaced? Consider giving those items a new life — in Africa! We know many people who would be greatly blessed by those items. If you would like to re-gift, just e-mail us or call Teresa, our US administrator, at 620-763-2595.

YOUR RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for the many kinds of support. We want to be sure that you are getting accurate and timely receipts. If you send a financial gift and fail to receive a receipt within three weeks, please call Teresa, our US administrator at 620-763-2595 or e-mail us at mcfarland@bol.co.tz. All donations should be made payable to TCC—Key Connections Ministries and sent to PO Box 266, Thayer, KS 66776. Please note any designations. Again, thank-you for your generous support — we pledge our faithful stewardship of your gifts to make a real difference in many lives.



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