



# ARUSHA LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTRE

Care and Compassion

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Re: Home Assignment 2009!

Dear Friends and Supporting Congregations,

Greetings from Tanzania. Linda and I are coming to the US this summer for Global Mission home assignment. This will be the first official home leave in a number of years as the process of building and opening the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre has made returning to the States to be impractical at best.

The opening of the hospital in December means that we are finally back to some normalcy in scheduling our time with you. We expect to be in the US from mid July to the end of August. Our home assignment is a time of visiting congregations, attending Global Mission meetings, visiting family, and carrying out medical and dental exams.

We have about thirty supporting congregations throughout the US. Some of you have been visited in the last year during brief visits to the US for family reasons. Some of you have been able to visit us here in Tanzania. Some of you we will be able to visit during this assignment. A few of you will not receive a visit from us this year. We're sorry for this but we also live with the reality of a short schedule, a wide geographical distribution, and limited opportunities.

We are finalizing our travel schedule now and will contact you shortly if we think we will be able to schedule a visit to your congregation this summer. Some visits will need to be during the week as there are only a limited number of Sundays.

We would very much like to see and visit with all of you! We will try very hard on our next home assignment to get to more of those congregations we could not visit this year.

For all of you, we continue to deeply appreciate your support, your encouragement, and your prayers.

God Bless,

Mark and Linda Jacobson  
Missionaries in Tanzania