

Tanzania, East Africa
Mission to the Tribes of Tanzania
May 16 – June 7, 2010
Iraqi –Maasi – Ukara

In the beginning, there was One True GOD. He is the Creator of the universe, and He loves man above all of His creation. He is passionately in love with us. He created us to be loved by Him, He always has and always will love us, and He will do anything...everything...to demonstrate that...even give His life. GOD came to earth to die for His creation – we who have rebelled against Him and rejected Him - so that He could show us the depth of His forgiveness and the redemption of His eternal love...and so we could love Him back. He *is* love. His Name is JESUS.

It's simple, isn't it? It's the way to find purpose in this life and hope for eternity. It changes lives. Yet millions have never heard this GOD story – and never will - unless we who have heard it go and tell them. We may have to travel over oceans, hike through forests, pass over mountains, or go across lakes to islands. We'll have to journey into the darkness of cultures that are in bondage to Satan, where the name of JESUS has never been heard. We **must** tell them, so here we go! ☺

On **May 16th**, Kala will begin the journey to reach the Iraqi tribe in Tanzania. These people live in the Mogororo Crater, dwelling in the forests. They are called the "Naked People." They wear animal skins and live in trees instead of houses. The Iraqi are isolated and afraid; they have no church or access to the Gospel within their tribe. During the campaign in May, pastors who've answered the call to live with the Iraqi people will join Kala and her team to take the name of Jesus, the Savior who runs to the outcasts, to the Naked People.

On **May 23rd**, Beth will join Kala in Tanzania as they camp for a week among the Maasi tribe. One of the most ancient tribes in Tanzania, the Maasi still live according to the ways of their ancestors. They're the warrior tribe, wearing red robes and carrying staffs to symbolize strength. They live in isolation, separated from all other tribes. They have been feared and avoided for centuries, even by Christians – the very ones who have the hope they so desperately need. The Maasi practice polygamy, most men having several wives and numerous children. They still participate in pagan ritual dances, drinking cow's blood and sleeping with whatever women they desire. Former Maasi men, who left their tribe to go to the cities, heard the Gospel of Jesus and are ready to join the mission team, return to their people, and begin the church. The name of Jesus, the all-powerful God who has always fought for His people, will be displayed to a people group hungry for love and hope.

On **May 30th**, Beth and Kala's team will begin the journey across Lake Victoria to Ukara Island, the island where God has appointed Kala to live and serve in the very near future. While 4,000 people heard the Gospel for the first time last summer when Kala and her mission team were there, at least 70,000 more islanders have never heard, and only eleven churches have been planted so far to tell them. Beth, Kala, and their team will be spending a week discipling new believers, encouraging the church, teaching young Christians from God's Word, and walking side by side with the national Christians as they tell the story of Jesus to as many people as possible.

We've been asked why we don't just send the money we spend on these trips to our churches in Africa. But if you could see their faces when we come, the encouragement that they gain, the

hope that it brings them that they're not alone ... you soon realize they don't want or even need our money. They want us ... they need hope ... and the message of Jesus IS something we can give them!

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? And how will they preach unless they are sent?" Romans 10:14, 15a

But the most important reason we go is because it's the last thing Jesus told us to do while He was here on earth. Jesus was the greatest missionary. He left His home in heaven to come to **us**. His heart is for all nations, for every tribe...the Iraqi, the Maasi, and the Ukara tribes. We **must** go. We will be spending almost a month in Tanzania, telling His love story. We are just part of His great plan to "make disciples of all nations." We've heard the story of JESUS. Now He has given us the honor of telling it.

God uses the prayers, support, and gifts of His people each and every year to send the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. The "economy" has changed a lot of things, but one thing it will never change is the Great Commission: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15

Please pray and ask God what He would have **YOU** to do:

1. **GO!** If you have ever sensed that desire to go on a mission trip, please contact us or the missions ministry of your church. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15
2. **PRAY!** We constantly see and experience the evidence of prayers from God's people. It is the greatest gift you could give us. Not everyone can go or give ... but everyone CAN PRAY! "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." James 5:16
3. **GIVE!** These three tribal campaigns are very costly and our support deadlines are quickly approaching. Know that every penny is going to further the gospel and reach the lost. Plane tickets, food, transportation, translators, materials, Bibles, The Jesus Film, generators, BOTTLED WATER © ... it all adds up but it's all necessary in order to take the Good News of Jesus to this part of the world.

We are excited about what God is doing in Tanzania and we are **THRILLED** to participate in it. Please write our mission campaign dates on your calendar and know that we cherish your prayers, your support, and your friendship. The time is almost here! We will send you an update and pictures when we return. What a joy it will be for Mom and daughter to go *together* this time. Your prayers enable us to take *you* with us too!

Mungu akubariki! (God bless you!)

Kala and Beth Holt

**"Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things;
Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you. Sing to the LORD a new song,
Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea,
and all that is in it, You islands, and those who dwell on them ...
Let them give glory to the LORD and declare His praise in the coastlands."
Isaiah 42: 9,10,12**