



# Festo and Grace Kanungha

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Dear friends,

We write during a typical British summer, the likes of which none of us have gotten used to yet and we frequently ask; why can't it just be sunny every day? Something we miss from our years in Tanzania.

Festo spent the winter with our community field team, readying the field, installing benches and goal posts, etc and we are now, during the summer months, making the most of engaging with the community while they use the field. Our house group can be found there on Thursday evenings with cake and drinks and games equipment. This is a model of engagement we have used for the last three years in our local park to engage with local families and we find it to be really effective in building relationships and giving the church a presence in the community, (we are continuing in the park on Monday afternoons during the summer break). We hope to have the same impact in the community around the field and have so far found that we are engaging with a different group of people. We have found that as we get to know people in these settings over a drink and cake, when we talk to them about other things the church does there is a greater interest and level of engagement. Please pray for us as we host a Sunday service in the field on Sunday 27 August followed by a bring-and-share picnic which we are inviting the community to join us in.

As many of you know our church is now in a time of transition as our vicar has moved on and we go through the process of advertising for a new one. We would appreciate your prayers for the church during this time, both that it be a fruitful and faith-filled time for those of us remaining here, and for the next vicar as God prepares us and him/her to minister together in Liskeard. This is an interesting season for Grace as an ordinand; it has led to some more responsibilities (however we have a great team sharing the burden of leadership) and a lot more involvement on Sunday mornings, which Grace is loving. It is crazy to think that Grace is already halfway through her theological training (although the learning will never stop) and already in conversation with Truro diocese regarding possible curacies. Please pray for us, that God would lead both the team in the diocese and Festo and Grace with one heart and mind as to where she and we as a family would be best suited for a curacy. Please also remember Zeph, William and Hannah in these prayers as they face another house move and transition, they are well equipped for it but find the not knowing yet as unsettling as the adults do.



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Festo spent six weeks in Tanzania just before the school summer break. His trip started as a joint venture with Jemma, a member of our church who is studying food sustainability and agroforestry. They went to work with Empowering the Future, a small charity that Festo has established with his friend Rev David Lubarisho in Dodoma Region. Its vision is to empower young people with alternative farming methods and skills that are sustainable for the future. Jemma was able to bring teaching regarding soil health that will now inform their farming practices. Festo also made the first steps in establishing a link between our church in Liskeard and his home church in Lamaiti, the village where his family is based. Our church music

group gifted St Matthew's church choir some much-needed microphones and there is a hope that more members of St Martin's will go over to Tanzania in the next 12 months to continue to establish the link. After this work, Festo stayed in Tanzania to spend time with his family and to work on a personal project of a guest house which we hope will bring an income stream for his family. The greatest joy of the trip for Festo was to see his mum, fit and well despite her many years (88?) and now at peace with his living in the UK, a huge answer to prayer. Please continue to pray for our Tanzanian family, please pray for Empowering the Future as it grows in strength, and praise God that it is not only recognised by the Tanzanian government but also has been given a boost of land and seed by the government. Please pray for the church link, which is in its infancy, that it will grow to be strong and a powerful witness to God both in Liskeard and Lamaiti.

We are loving the summer break so far and have just had two fantastic days at Creation Fest gathering with other Christians in the South West as well as a brilliant week at the CMS people in mission conference. Twice we have trusted Mummy as we have left a wet and grey Liskeard for a day out with her saying, "trust me it will get better", and it did! We are hoping to go camping in Cornwall in the next couple of weeks, alongside various day trips, and pet-sitting for friends should keep our summer bright and cheerful even if the sun isn't always shining and until we get all the uniforms ready for another school year – Hannah's first. Please pray for our children as they negotiate the world as the kids of church leaders (or as Grace was recently referred to – "that church lady"), that they would have fertile soil in their hearts to receive Christ as their own saviour and friend.

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*Photos from top to bottom: Hannah at Creation Fest; kids at CMS conference; Jemma with Empowering the Future; Jemma with Festo's family*



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