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What we do: Supporting and resourcing local churches in their ministry to children and young people, working closely with St Martin's Liskeard

Dear friends,

Over this winter God has opened up a new missional opportunity for Festo and the church as many new people have come to Liskeard on care visas, bringing with them their families and making a home in Liskeard and at our children's primary school. It is a personal delight to see more diversity here and new friendships have been made. Our church has responded missionally by welcoming several families into our church family as well as providing practical and pastoral support as needed. We wonder at the wisdom of a system that brings people halfway around the world and then leaves them on their own to figure out UK life for themselves, but for the church, this is another way in which we can pour out God's love, through friendships and meeting practical needs. Please pray for these dear people – that they would know the love of God and the welcome of Liskeard. All this is interesting timing as Festo has been invited into a conversation on racial equality in the diocese. We wonder what God is doing and where this will lead.

Ministry at St Martin's Church continues to keep us busy and Festo continues to support the children's ministry of the church and coaching through TLG. The field project has been rather dormant over the winter but he is looking forward to warmer, drier days when he can get back out there. Grace continues to study with St Mellitus College and to be involved in leading St Martin's Church during this transition period. Studies are going well but Grace finds them challenging and stretching – mostly in a good way. She has three assignments to hand in before being ordained deacon on 28 June (7:30pm at Truro Cathedral, all are welcome). The church hasn't had a vicar for 12 months now and it has been a long transition. The second round of interviews will take place in April. Although it has been a challenging year and Grace has held responsibilities beyond what is normal for an ordinand, it has been a great year for learning and growing in character and ministry and she feels blessed to have had this time with this church.

Our next link letter will be due just as we are making the move from Liskeard to Bodmin. The family admin list is long as we prepare both for ordination and moving house and schools, but we are grateful that we have a house in Wadebridge to move to and schools nearby. Zeph's place at secondary school is now confirmed (how is he 11 already?!) and we will be applying for primary school places in May but it sounds like it should be straightforward. God is always so gracious. The children are regularly expressing their mixed emotions about moving and they echo our own. It is hard to believe how at home we have become in Liskeard in just four years, but also hard to believe that in another four years we will most likely be on the move again with curacy



Princess Hannah, always ready for adventure

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behind us and incumbency ahead of us. Praise God that it is all in his hands not ours! Do pray for this transition, especially for Zeph, William and Hannah.

Empowering the Future continues to develop apace. We now have a UK-based charity set up to support and fundraise for the work going on in Tanzania. Recently we finalised the purchase of two acres of land in Lamaiti village so that we can build an Empowering the Future base and a nursery school classroom. Other than that, the land will be used for a tree nursery and as a demonstration plot for various new farming practices we are teaching to help people work with the changes climate change has brought.

Empowering the Future Tanzania recently received Jemma, one of our Empowering the Future UK trustees. She spent two weeks leading seminars, including Leaky Bucket, a seminar on how to manage the little money people gain from their crops; Brick Stove Making, teaching people how to build an energy-efficient stove using available materials; and a seminar on food security. Those who attended the seminars received a free sack, a more sustainable and reliable storage sack for harvested crops, and were given the opportunity to buy more at a discounted price. The sacks were donated by St Martin's Church and people wrote personal notes to be stuck on each sack so that the recipients knew that they came with love from people of God. Jemma commented on how moving it was to hear Rev Lubarisho (a member of the Empowering the Future Tanzania team) translating the stickers for people. Jemma has already put the newly acquired land to use by installing a composter and teaching people how to compost. Jemma also spent time with the nursery school, the women's project in Dodoma (making and decorating planters for income generation) and checking up on all other areas of Empowering the Future Tanzania – she has been very busy! Festo would have loved to have been with Jemma on this trip but for many reasons, it wasn't feasible. We hope however that he will be able to go over to Tanzania at some point this year. Please pray for this opportunity and the progression of the organisation both in Tanzania and for the charity in the UK as it establishes itself.

Thank you for continuing to journey with us both in prayer and financial support, we appreciate the part you play both in our family and ministry.

Festo, Grace, Zeph, William and Hannah



Photos from top to bottom: Zeph on his 11th birthday; making a brick stove; using peanuts as brown matter in the composter on the newly purchased land; planters made and decorated by the women's group



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