

2 SHAFFERS

Half way through the year; our team is growing!

Dear Friends,

It's June and we are excited for the coming month break! This term has been tiring, but full and fun. Paula is now carrying baby Shaffer, so teaching has been a little extra tiresome for her. We are so excited to welcome the little one God has given us in the end of October!

One of the big events this term was the Form 6 (high school) graduation. As always, a lot of planning is involved as we host over 1,000 people (and feed them!). Dan's work was to put up tents for all the guests, and Paula's work was to organize the entertainment. There's something so humbling about chasing teenagers to rehearsal, and after hours of ear-ringing song, advising them with kindness. And there is nothing that grows patience like prolonging work hours in the sun by letting the fourth grader carpenters-in-training *meticulously* pound in a few nails of their own. So thankful for opportunities like these to grow in GRACE and learn to extend that grace to our community.



Enjoying inter-class sports competition day!

It was such a blessing to welcome Hart and Lynn Inlow (co-founders of the Lion of Judah Academy) to Tanzania for a few weeks this month. We have been working with them to organize our school's scholarship program, and while it's been so much work we are thankful to have made significant progress. If you would like more info regarding our new and improved student sponsorship program, let us know!

As we have been gathering information for scholarships, it's been so humbling to hear the students' stories. One girl stands out so vividly in my mind (Paula). The day after I had asked her some general questions, she came running up to me, tears everywhere. "Madam, I told you my father was a doctor... but he's not there." "Do you have a father?" I asked. "Yes, but he rejected me and my mother." I soon learned that when she was young her father had decided he didn't love her, or her mother. He married another woman, and kicked them out on their own. She was crying because to her, she doesn't have a father- at least not one who wants her. My heart hurts for this sweet girl! But, although one man may not want her, God her Father not only wants her, but loves her deeply. He has given her the chance to come to this school, and who knows how God is going to use her life to further His kingdom.



Gathering information for scholarships- one by one!

This month, as we take a break from school, we ask for your prayers for **discernment in making decisions** for the birth of the baby. We will be trekking to Kenya (about a days drive) for the birth, but that is one of the few details we have figured out. It's a good chance for us to **rest in Christ's promises to provide**; pray we would do that! Also, pray for this **break to be refreshing** for us- physically, mentally, and spiritually. We are so thankful for you all. Thank you for all the ways you support and encourage us; we love hearing from you. Have a great June :)

In Christ Alone,
Dan and Paula