

March 4, 2019

**James 5: 11 b: "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy"**

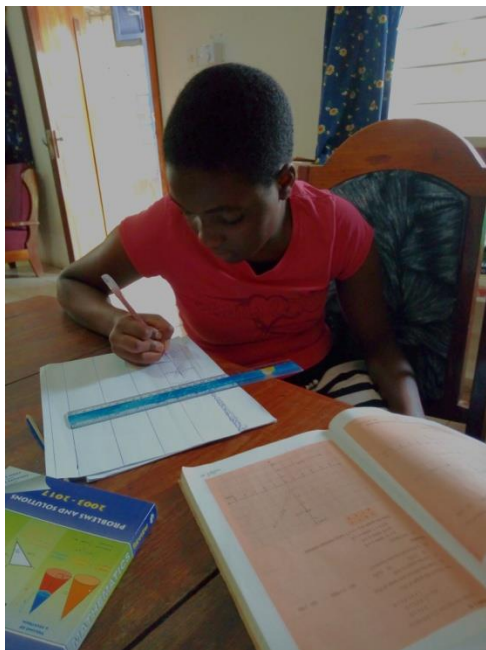
Dear family and friends,

Warm greetings from Tabora!

God is good and he is in control of our fragile lives. So we continue to trust Him for all our needs, including health issues.

Here is a short update on Jacky's condition:

About 3 weeks ago Jacky became paralyzed from her knees down. She couldn't stand without support and I had to get her a wheelchair. I had received some contacts to connect with other neurologists. I was advised by a neurologist from a hospital in Moshi in North Tanzania, near Kilimanjaro, to make her do exercises to trigger her nerves. Low and behold: 3 days ago she



started shuffling around with crutches and since Sunday she is walking again without any support. Please pray that this will be permanent. Since last year this has happened 4 times, but the other times she could still get around with support. This last time it was more severe. A great blessing is that the horrible pain also has disappeared for which we praise the Lord. I am sure our great God is answering our prayers!

I had her tested for autoimmune disease but this was negative! She therefore has no Erythromelalgia! Another praise item as this disease has no cure. There are still more tests that will need to be done in Moshi.

Please pray for her education. Due to missing so much school her marks have dropped and I have suggested to her that for now she just does her level best and try to do as much as she can. Her health comes first and even if she passes it might be better to redo her third year of high school to get her marks up. If she passes with low marks she won't be able to get into any higher education which she really does want. The idea of having to redo her third year is quite upsetting to her and she needs to adjust to this idea.

### **Jacky trying to keep up with her studies at home**

Begin May I will take Ngassa to Mwanza in May to have all the metal in his knee removed. He is doing well and again this is another praise item. He hopes to start Form 5 soon.

Mid May I will take Jacky to Moshi for further testing.

Another praise item is that our “Uncle Don”, Don Nicol from Knox church has arrived which is such a blessing!! The kids love him as well and besides spoiling them (and me), he lifts our spirits and it is great to get all the updates from Toronto. Thursday we are picking up the other 3 kids: Faraja, Baraka and Klri. Mahona is also planning to join us. He has finished his survey which he needs to complete his thesis. He is doing so well! He will be going to Mombasa, Kenya, this month to teach at a seminar!

Mfaume is still waiting for his university to start his further studies. He is enjoying Don’s visit very much and the two are often walking and talking together.

Next week Alvin Sim is coming to join Don and our family. So our home will be full with people and filled with joy!



**In Tanzania we have little dried fish which have a very pungent smell. I mix it in with maize flour, some oil and a pinch of salt and cook it up for my dogs. It is very nutritious!**

**Don hates the smell of fish but he was quite heroic in helping me turn this heavy mixture in its pot till it got cooked.....**

**His face tells it all!**

Thanks again for all your prayers and also for your financial support!!

May God bless you all!

A very happy Hanneke and kids!

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