

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters,

After 2 years and one month, 18 trips to court in Dar es Salaam, paperwork, waiting, and an enormous amount of frustration we received the verdict to our court case this morning. The words of the late Martin Luther King Jr. come to mind, "Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last!"

The judge ruled that I would not be deported and that the plaintiff's accusations against the leadership of the church had no foundation or merit. The plaintiff was not entitled to any of his claims for compensation. Along with this judgement, however, each party was instructed to bear its own expenses involved in the case. Consequently, the man who has brought about so much grief, slandered the name of the church, and caused us considerable expense in our defense, just walked away.

Thank you so much for praying with us about this case. We have searched our souls many times and asked God what He was teaching us through this ordeal. This morning, before entering the crowded judge's chamber, I read these words from 2 Corinthians as Paul complains about his thorn in the flesh, a messenger sent from Satan: *"Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness,"** Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I **am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.** For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

Thank you once again for praying for us. We are grateful to you, and most grateful to God for the positive outcome.

Attached is our March/April newsletter. Please let us know if you have difficulty opening, reading, or printing it.

There are additional photos and reports on our blog site: [www.daveandbonnie.blogspot.com](http://www.daveandbonnie.blogspot.com)

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“THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, WHEREOF WE ARE GLAD”

## Grand Opening! ... of a toilet?

By some people’s standards, completing construction of a toilet facility is no big deal. For our city church in Dar es Salaam it was a major cause for celebration. The facility replaces a dilapidated “outhouse” style toilet and provides shower facilities for hosting Bible school and pastor’s meetings throughout the year. The building committee of the church did a commendable job overseeing the project. We are proud of this city church as they continue to move forward under Tanzanian leadership and reliance on God.



### OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING



## Quality time with “Mom and Dad”

We recently brought 10 of the oldest Huruma Home orphans to the camp in Morogoro, just to spend quality time with these awesome kids. Dave gave the boys their first experience behind the wheel (of a 4-wheeler). Bonnie taught the girls to bake cookies. We played games, made handcrafts, and had special times

of teaching from God’s Word. At weekend’s end, each of these boys and girls made a commitment to purity in a moving ceremony, Please be praying for Huruma Children’s Home. This week a drill rig is drilling for water and we are breaking ground to build Timothy House for the older boys.



**ANNIVERSARY GIFT** For months the young ladies of the church labored to make a special, decorative table covering, presenting it to the church on Anniversary Sunday.



**CAMP REPORT** Four months after our first evangelistic camp season, we continue to see youth come to Christ, follow the Lord in baptism and join one of our local churches!



**BONNIE WITH FOUR HURUMA HOME GIRLS** One of our great joys is having an influence in the lives of the Huruma children. Contact us if you desire to sponsor one of these precious kids.