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A precious pearl free of charge

I was asked to write an article for this month's issue of ACC's *Glad Tidings* and my first thought was, "What would I write about Lord?" As God would have it, almost immediately the following words from the song "Amazing Grace (Chains are gone)" by Chris Tomlin flooded through my car stereo system: "My chains are gone...I've been set free... my God, my Savior has ransomed me...and like a flood His mercy reigns... amazing love, unending grace!" Chains gone, set free – thank you Jesus!

On Sunday 12 June, ACC enjoyed the services of Young Life members who washed the cars of all church attendants as a thank you to ACC for supporting Young Life ministry. For those who are unfamiliar, Young Life is an evangelical Christian ministry that is in more than 70 countries "offering hope with spiritual values to nearly a million teenagers each year." Each year I stand amazed as I hear from Alexis Kwamy – a long standing member of ACC and Young Life leader – testify of God's grace and mercy and of the hundreds of young people who have given their life to Christ during Young Life camps which are held in various parts of Tanzania. Chains broken, lives set free – thank you Jesus!

Matthew 13:45-46 talks about the pearl of great value worth selling all we have to obtain. We have been given this precious pearl free of charge. Salvation is given to us not by our own doing, not by our worthiness but simply because God loves us that much. How often do we ponder on the mystery of this free gift? How often do we ponder on the chains we have been set free from?

There may be someone reading this that has never heard about or accepted this precious pearl. The hope, joy and peace that Jesus brings is not of this world, we cannot find it anywhere else but in Him. Will you open up your heart to Him? To the one who loves you so much that He died for you? It only takes a willing and open heart. "Amazing love... Unending Grace!"

"For God had such love for the world that he gave His only Son, so that whomever has faith in Him may not come to destruction but have eternal life." John 3:16 (BBE)

"... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10 (NKJV)

Narola Mollel, Council Member

2016 Confirmation

Thirteen young people were confirmed on Sunday 12 June at ACC. Those confirmed were Antonia Rogers, Doreen Melami Metili, Giulio Ramoni, Harith Mwapachu, Kelvin Maeda, Leah Arnold, Marzio Ramoni, Maya Mwapachu, Rachael Lema, Salamawit Demeksa, Sanita Cunningham, Vanessa Margeret Mawalla and Yuki Omari.

Many thanks to their confirmation teachers Pastor Deborah Troester and Ronnie Eng for leading them through this milestone in their faith formation.



A VIEW FROM HERE: BEGINNING LIFE AS A LEARNER DRIVER

—An ACC Member Reflection Shared by Christine Ebong

*“...He will be our guide
even unto the end.”*

—*Psalm 48:14*

Note: this is a continuation of Christine’s reflection published in the April 2016 issue of Glad Tidings.

So finally the theory class in the Driving School (day one) was over! Everyone was in a hurry to get to the parking lot and find the car whose number plate they had been given for the day! So was I. I barely got my bags well packed as I rushed to get down stairs. Once there I found the mean-looking trainer waiting impatiently. This was my guide for the day! Three other students boarded with me as the first student took the wheel. He drove relatively well though the car seemed to resist him moving it a few times. I felt sure I would not take the wheel that day since I hadn’t mastered any vital parts for driving yet. The second student got a lot of scolding from our trainer. She apparently must have determined to “break the trainer’s car,” from what he kept saying. I immediately named the trainer “pinching guy” as I witnessed him pinch the two students whenever they hesitated to break when commanded so to do. Filled with deep fear and panic I regretted getting into this particular car!!

As the second student turned off the car engine on a highway reserve parking space, Mr. Pinching Guy turned over to me and said, “Pikisa, you’re next at the wheel!”

It is easy to yearn for and look forward to living the life of a Christian. On the day I made my own conscious decision to follow Jesus at the age of nine, I was so sure of myself. I believed I would simply live right just like that. But it turned out to be harder than that. I tried in my own strength and gave up a few times until I discovered a simple truth I should have grasped from the start: I simply needed to submit to the Lord and surrender totally to Him so He could guide me into all truth!

On our own we cannot make it. Our strength fails us and our experience is rarely sufficient for new challenges. Only one thing is sure: the Lord is our Guide. In the Old Testament God was actively guiding His people toward the great plan He had for them. Through Jesus, He continued to guide all

who surrendered to Him in the righteous way. Jesus promised and we received the Holy Spirit to continue guiding us even unto the end. Our response to His guidance of us is to surrender to Him and let Him lead and guide us every day. It is not easy to surrender and we still need Him to help us do that. But we



***Do you have a reflection to share?
Or perhaps a poem, drawing or
other creative work inspired by your faith?***

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Glad Tidings, the church website or on social media.*

definitely need to take an active response to choose to let Him guide. He is not a mean-looking impatient trainer. No! He is gentle and kind and lovingly shows us the way every single time.

I urge us to choose this day to let the Lord be our guide to lead us in the walk of faith even unto the end. Let the testimony be told that we did walk with the Lord and even though we slipped and fell seven times, we still got up and continued following His leading.

This, my friends is how I see it from here!



Special thanks to Young Life for washing the dozens of cars parked at ACC during Sunday service on 12 June. ACC is blessed to partner with Young Life's ministry through financial and prayer support.

AA and NA Meetings at ACC

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

Monday 1 pm – 2 pm

Tuesday 1 pm – 2 pm

Thursday 1 pm – 2 pm

Friday 5 pm – 6 pm

Saturday 10 am – 11 am

NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

Tuesday 5 pm – 6 pm

Thursday 5 pm – 6 pm



If you have a prayer request and would like our members to support you in prayer, contact the four key people—if possible by SMS—and they will inform the others in the prayer chain.

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JULY 2016 Sunday Service Schedule

Date	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<i>Church Calendar</i>	7th Sunday after Pentecost	8th Sunday after Pentecost	9th Sunday after Pentecost	10th Sunday after Pentecost	11th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Family Service
Worship Leader	Mark Jacobson	Wendy Willmore	TBD	TBD	Jana Kinsey
Preacher	Elton Cooke	Rev. Tebbs	Rev. Herbert Mkemwa	Rev. Dan Kiula	Lisa Borden
Musician	Linda Jacobson	Wendy Willmore	Erwin Kinsey	Christine Ebong	Randy Stubbs & family
Sound	Edmund Ntwale	Edmund Kisombe	Eunpa Cho	Daniel Charles	Edmund Kisombe
Flowers	Yoka Bruinsma/Willingness	Irene Mchomvu	Christy Miller	Rosemarie Charles	Helena Koster
Ushers	Obeid Nichodemasy Godlisten Solomon	Peter Feer Martin Mathews	Rogers Eliau Dorice Eliuta	Henrique Christopher Obeid Nickodemasy	Olivier Muhoza Martin Mathews
Duty elder	Olivier Muhoza	Irene Mchomvu	TBD	TBD	TBD
Library	Sion Miraa	Library Closed	Fitsmit Dejene	Library Closed	Eliel Gideon
Books	Rogers Eliau		Raymond Lema		Peter Feer
DVDs	Yuki Omori		Leon Veen		Olivier Muhoza
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21



Mission Statement: Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian praise and witness to God through worship, service and study. The congregation provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, service and witness, community outreach, personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the close link between worship and culture, Arusha Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

Arusha Community Church (ACC) is an international, interdenominational, lay-led congregation. We are united in faith in Christ and worship in the English language.

Services are at 10:30 am every Sunday morning, as well as on other special days of the Church Year. **Sunday school** for children is during church through the school year. **Adult Education** is usually held before the service at 9:15 am. For more information, please visit our **website** at www.acc.habari.co.tz.

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