

# Glad Tidings



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*"I surrender all...well, not really"*

How many of us are troubled when we sing this old favorite? Angelika and I have been sharing a daily devotion from South Africa called *The Word for Today*. You can access it for free online: <http://www.radiopulpit.co.za/>. Recent sharing concerns concepts about stewardship of our resources. Do we fail to 'surrender all' to God because we fear financial insecurity? How can we overcome that fear? We are encouraged to discover the blessings of obedience. The writer says,

**"Give God the first tenth of your income (see Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 23:23).** Don't debate whether it's an Old Testament rule versus a New Testament requirement. Wouldn't you rather do more than required, than to find out later you fell short of God's expectations?"

**"Live by the 10-10-80 rule.** After you give God the first 10 per cent of your income, put the second 10 per cent into savings and budget yourself to live on the remaining 80 per cent."

**"Confront the areas in which your fear of lack are the greatest.** Food? Housing? Transportation? Health insurance? Retirement? Now cast down those imaginations and replace them with this promise: 'God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others' (2 Corinthians 9:8 NLT)."

**"Refuse to rely solely on your credentials, marketable skills, or influential contacts for the assurance of your financial provision.** 'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.' Maximize your personal power, but trust ultimately in God's power alone. Jesus said, 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full' (John 10:10 NIV 2011 Edition). That's not just 'spiritual' life, but every aspect of life. Today, believe and receive what Jesus promised by faith, and begin to live 'to the full'."

**"When you give to fulfill the Lord's Prayer, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth' (Matthew 6:10 KJV), He will make sure you have everything you need when you need it. That's His guarantee, and it should dispel your fears about giving.** In fact, there's really only one thing you should be concerned about when it comes to giving: holding back to the extent that God is no longer involved in your finances. There's nothing you can do to earn or deserve God's love, but you must exercise faith and follow His instructions if you want to walk in His blessing."

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**“So here’s the question you should ask yourself: ‘Who’s better able to meet my needs, God or me?’** If you’re generous with God, He’ll make sure you have more than enough so that you can continue to be generous. But first He wants to see you investing more in His kingdom - not in order to get what you want from Him, but because you value His eternal purposes more than your own interests. Are you prepared to step out in faith and take advantage of the law of the harvest by inviting God to get involved in your finances?”

**“Money is often the last door we open to God because we think it represents our security. If you really want to become secure financially, get God involved in your finances as soon as possible.** The sooner you start sowing seeds, the sooner you’ll begin reaping harvests. And when that happens, you’ll never go back to doing things the way you used to.”

O Lord, help us to trust you and to give back to you what you rightfully deserve from what you have blessed us. We want to surrender to you our all; help our unbelief. In Jesus’ name...AMEN

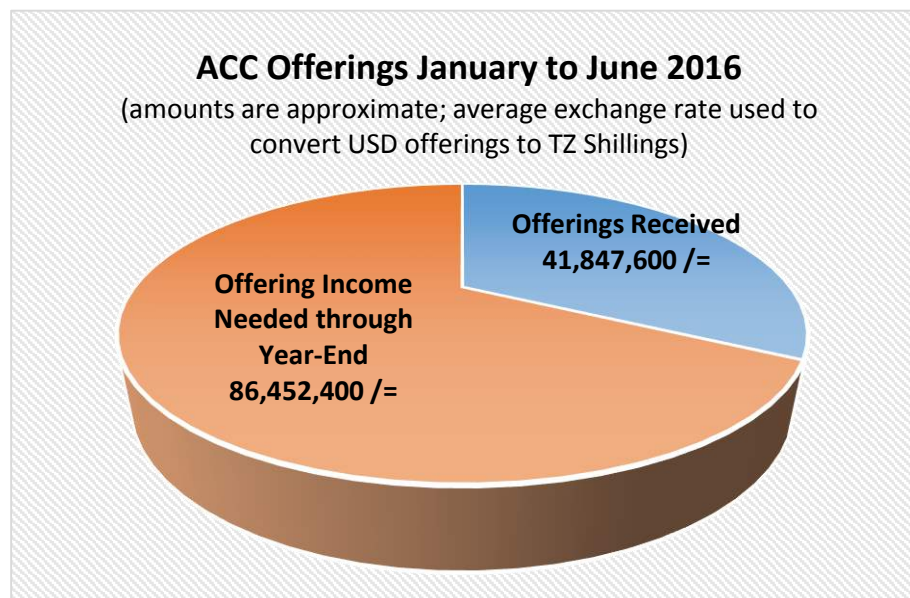
*Erwin Kinsey, Council Chair*

## Your Giving Matters!

Faithful and generous giving to ACC through the open plate offerings each week makes it possible for our church to serve as Christ’s messengers of love in our community. More than 50% of our annual offerings are used to assist people in desperate need, support ministries reaching out to Tanzanian youth and serve our own members and visiting worshippers through quality Christian education and worship experiences.

Already this year, the Projects & Benevolence Committee (PBC) has assisted dozens of families cover the costs of urgently needed medical care, establish small businesses to provide sustainable income and make repairs to their homes. Each request to PBC is carefully reviewed to ensure the funds are going to people who are truly in need. **PBC assistance given to date in 2016 is about 12 million Tanzanian shillings.**

The Evangelism & Outreach Committee (E&O) has supported ministry programs in the Arusha area and beyond that aim to share the Good News of Christ with the local communities, focusing particularly on Tanzania’s youth. **Almost 13 million Tanzanian shillings have been issued to these trusted ministries so far this year, including 2 million Tanzanian shillings to Young Life,** a ministry that has a long and rich relationship with Arusha Community Church.



# A VIEW FROM HERE: BEGINNING LIFE AS A LEARNER DRIVER

—An ACC Member Reflection Shared by Christine Ebong

## *Driving within the lane!*

*Note: this is a continuation of Christine's reflection published in the July 2016 issue of Glad Tidings.*

Seated in the driver's seat and successfully getting into the highway was quite an achievement. I was driving! Finally! Then two things struck me! Firstly the fact that no matter how hard I tried I couldn't keep the wheels within my own lane. The car seemed to try to avoid the right path. Sometimes I saw myself heading to the dangerous sides of the road! And I pictured the car stuck there! Other times I seemed to be trying to knock those driving on the next lane! Many either hooted angrily or tried to dodge me to avoid an accident! As if that wasn't worrying enough, I had four people in the car with me! Their lives were in my very incapable hands! How would I safeguard all our lives and successfully drive the car to my next stop? Fear gripped me! Panic consumed me and I swerved off the path again! At this moment I heard the trainer say as he touched my hand that was tightly wrapped around the wheel, "Tulia. Legeza mwiri. Utakuwa sawa." (Calm down. Relax your muscles. You will be okay!). At least I wasn't alone...



We come into a life with Christ with excitement but then the fact that we live in imperfect bodies, we soon realize our bodies keep trying to operate in the flesh and not by the Spirit. Paul was concerned that even when he purposed to do what's right, he found himself doing things he didn't want to do. Falling into sin and feeling so hopeless about it just makes us panic more. Especially when we realize there are people looking at us or relying on us to live a life of holiness.

How often do we put our trust in one other than the Holy Spirit to empower and enable us to live as God calls us to? How often do we try in our own strength and fall short of our own targets?

The Lord calls us to surrender entirely to His rule and guidance. On our own we cannot make it. We need to turn to him and depend on Him.

Should we relax and allow ourselves to veer off the right way? Absolutely not. Instead we should surrender to our guide so he can lead us and enable us to truly trust and obey. It is when we trust and obey His Word that our paths will be straight and we will be able to succeed in our walk with Him.

The golden rule I adopted is to always surrender fully, trust and obey. God will do the rest. He is our ever present help. He often calls us to "fear not." God is in absolute control at all times.

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

*Please share! Send your submission to*

*[acc.facilitator@gmail.com](mailto:acc.facilitator@gmail.com) and the*

*Communications Coordinator will seek to share it in  
Glad Tidings, the church website or on social media.*

Jesus take the wheel of my life today and always!

That, beloved friends, is how I see it from right here!

## *ACC Welcomes a Neema Swai as Church Administrator*

Arusha Community Church welcomed Neema Swai as the Church Administrator in late June. Neema will work alongside Brenda Kimaro, ACC Facilitator in the overall management of ACC's facilities, finances and programs.

Neema brings a big heart for ministry and Christian service to her role as administrator, as well as a wealth of experience that makes her well-suited for the position. She and her husband, James, have two daughters, Precious and Precillian.

Please join us in welcoming Neema to ACC! She can be reached by email at [acc.neema@gmail.com](mailto:acc.neema@gmail.com) and on the ACC Administrator phone at 0685 345 429.



### **AA and NA Meetings at ACC**

#### **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

#### **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.

Erwin Kinsey: 0754 480 184  
Margaret Kenyi: 0754 090 078  
Susan Simonson: 0754 266 559  
Stella Karamuna: 0754 281 337

*About 125 hikers climbed Sambasha Hill on Sunday, 17 July. Some of the group was lucky enough to see Hartlaub's turacos and black-and-white colobus monkeys!*

# Save the Dates!



## Worship Workshop

*Saturday, 17 September*

*for everyone currently involved in worship  
and those who would like to be involved as*

**Worship Leaders**

**Preachers**

**Music Leaders & Musicians**

**Sound System & Projection Team**

**Prayer Ministers**

**Ushers**

**More details coming soon!**

### Swedish Chocolate Balls

Thanks to Johan and Josephine Sundqvist for sharing the recipe they demonstrated as part of their Family Service sermon in April.

150g butter (lightly salted)  
150ml sugar  
3 Tablespoons of cocoa  
2 Tablespoons of cold coffee  
400 ml oats  
Desiccated coconut

Mix sugar and butter using your hands. Add cocoa and oats. Keep working the “dough” and add the coffee to get it a little moist. When everything’s well mixed, roll balls of the “dough” between the palms of your hand and roll each ball in desiccated coconut. Let the chocolate balls rest in the fridge for a few hours before serving. Makes about 35 balls.



## Harvest Festival

*Sunday, 25 September*

Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate the harvest! Harvest Festival is one of Arusha Community Church’s oldest traditions, celebrating God’s bounty in our lives by bringing the fruits of our labor to the altar. Members are invited to bring items large and small to be sold by auction or at side tables following the service. Funds raised will be used for special projects designated by the council.

### What can you bring?

- Baked goods and other homemade treats (see recipe at left for a great idea!)
- Fruits and vegetables from your garden
- Handcrafts and sewn items
- Your skills and talents—any service that someone would be interested in buying such as a home cooked authentic meal from your home country or a family photo session or a guided bird watching expedition
- Use your creativity!

## AUGUST 2016 Sunday Service Schedule

	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August
<b>Church Calendar</b>	12th Sunday after Pentecost	13th Sunday after Pentecost	14th Sunday after Pentecost	15th Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Service Type</b>	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Communion Service	Family Service
<b>Leaders</b>	Jimmy Ebong	Marilyn Simonson	Christine Derungs	Christie Miller
<b>Preachers</b>	Rev. Deborah Troester	Christine Ebong	Alexis Kwamy	Johan and Josephine Sundqvist
<b>Musicians</b>	Wendy Willmore	Angela Schramm	Neil Miller	Linda Jacobson
<b>Flowers</b>	Yoka Bruinsma/ Willingness	Irene Joel	Erwin Kinsey	Christy Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	Lisa Joel Laizer Roger Eliau	Olivier Muhoza Jackson Solomon	Henrique Christopher Irene Kiria	Martin Matthews Sanina Mollel
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Elizabeth Hudgin	Linda Jacobson	Martijn Veen	Erwin Kinsey
<b>Sound</b>	Edmund Ntwale	Edmund Kisombe	Eunpa Cho	Daniel Charles
<b>Library</b>	Library Closed	Narola Mollel	Library Closed	Eliel Gideon
<b>Books</b>		Rachael Lema		Raymond Lema
<b>DVDs</b>		Nancy Kimaro		Sion Miraa
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14



**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](http://www.acc.habari.co.tz).

**Glad Tidings submissions are due 15 August 2016 to [acc.facilitator@gmail.com](mailto:acc.facilitator@gmail.com)**