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The Gospel readings for the month of October are taken from Luke; Chapters 17, 18 and 19 and in each gospel reading Jesus uses parables or stories to illustrate to us how He wants us to live our lives as Christians.

We read the story of the ten lepers and as we know that only one of those cured of leprosy came back to say “Thank you Jesus.” In Luke 18 we read of the unjust judge but Jesus tells us to “pray always without becoming weary” and we will get justice. And then we read of the tax collector and the Pharisee, and who God chose to be exalted to the highest place. Finally we have the story of Zacchaeus who, due to his small size, climbed the sycamore tree so that he would be in a better position to see Jesus. I can well appreciate how Zacchaeus felt when the crowds milled around him!! But, we know what Jesus did—He called Zacchaeus down from the tree and surprised him by telling him that he was going to stay in his house. What an honour for Zacchaeus that Jesus thought so much of him that he was ready to go and spend time with him.

We can see from all these stories that Jesus loves each one of us and what He wants from us is our love in return. Can we start each day by telling Jesus how much we love Him?

I have just been through a very humbling experience recently where I needed a lot of care and attention as I was using crutches to move around. I could not do the normal everyday chores—even to putting on my own socks!! Thankfully life is improving every day but I need patience and more patience. Of course I was looked after very, very well and I am thankful for that but it did remind me of the following poem written by Mary Stevenson:

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the **Lord**. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonged to him and the other the **Lord**.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the

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footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the **Lord** about it. **Lord** you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would...leave me.

The **Lord** replied "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you only see one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



And that is exactly how I feel at this time of my life.

—Moira Brehony
Council Member

Giving Update:

Your Giving Matters!

Offerings through September 2016:

88,474,690/=

Project Offerings per 2016 Budget:

128,300,000/=

Offerings Needed to Meet 2016 Budget:

39,825,310/=



Harvest Festival 2016

Funds Raised: 9,936,650/=

Thanks to all who donated items for auction and sale, and to the generous buyers and contributors!

If you have not yet paid for your auction purchases, please see Neema Swai in the church office. Neema can be reached at 0685 345 429 or acc.neema@gmail.com.

Coming Up:

**Save these dates for great events
at Arusha Community Church!**



Sunday, 27 November

Cultural Festival after Service



Friday, 23 December

Carols by Candlelight, 6:30 pm

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

Saturday 5 pm – 6 pm

Jesus' Story

A poor lady was begging on the street and she asked people as they passed by to give her some help and said to them, “May God bless you.” But one person in bad humour said to her, “God did not bless you, did he?”

She said, “Yes, He did. He gave money to others to give to me but they forgot to share.”

God IS love and always shares.



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

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OCTOBER 2016 Sunday Service Schedule

	2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October
Church Calendar	20th Sunday after Pentecost	21st Sunday after Pentecost	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	24th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Family Service
Leaders	Christine Ebong	Esther Charles	Erwin Kinsey	Kent Thompson	Martijn Veen
Preachers	Dave Sullivan	Rev. Oliver O'Brien	Fitsimt Dejene	Rev. Katri Harkonen	Angelika Kinsey
Musicians	Jimmy Ebong	Christine Ebong & ACC Youth	Linda Jacobson	Daniel Kalule	Randy Stubbs
Flowers	Yoka Bruinsma	Erwin Kinsey	Helena Koster	Christy Miller	Helena Koster
Ushers	Joseph Fausuti Olivier Muhoza	Rogers Eliahu Raphael David	Godlishu Solomon Leah Arnord	Martin Matthew Jackson Solomon	Irene Kiria Peter Feer
Duty Elder	Jimmy Ebong	Martijn Veen	Erwin Kinsey	Irene Joel	Elizabeth Hudgin
Sound	Edmund Ntwale	Edmund Kisombe	Eunpa Cho	Daniel Charles	Edmund Ntwale
Library	Sion Miraa	Fitsmit Dejene	Eliel Gideon	Narola Mollel	Michael Murray
Books	Freddy Richard	Rogers Eliau	Parul Bhatti	Raymond Lema	Dominic M Sebastian
DVDs	Yuki Omori	Leon Veen	Peter Feer	Nancy Kimaro	Olivier Muhoza
Scripture Readings	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10



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.

Glad Tidings submissions are due 15 October 2016 to
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