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Dear Friends,

Several big events have happened at *Joy in the Harvest*. Our 40 foot **ocean container** shipped on June 28! Claudia and I have inventoried and weighed every item. What's in over 3,000 cubic feet, you might wonder – books, chairs, tools, choir robes, clothing & shoes, eye glasses, yarn, furniture, and plumbing supplies to name a few items.

One of the things in the container is the equipment for **a new radio relay station**. It will pick up our *Radio JOY* signal and broadcast it into a new area. We have received many requests to get our signal in this area. The engineering work for this project was done by friends at *Sonset Solutions*. Some equipment came from Italy, some had to be specially manufactured, and the tower has been built in Kenya. This has been a big project that took months of planning and work. All the engineers at *Sonset Solutions* are missionaries using their skill to reach the world for Christ.

We could not have done this relay project without the help of *Galcom International*. They provided the funding to purchase the equipment. How can you thank such visionaries with a heart for getting the Good News to Africans? They also supplied hundreds of solar powered, fixed frequency radio receivers, so when the relay station goes on the air, we can give people in that area receivers to hear *Radio Joy*.

While we have been busy in the USA, our staff has been working flat out keeping all the ministries going forward plus working on licenses, permits, and government paper work issues. They also held an eight-day **open air evangelism campaign**. Guest speakers presented Christ to those crowding to hear. Dozens and dozens made decisions to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Thank you Mwenge and our whole team!

We are waiting on medical clearance to return to Tanzania. We are hopeful that this fall the vaccine that will work on the strain of Covid in Tanzania will be available to us. Our Board of Directors decided we must wait until fall with that hope. Claudia and I look forward to getting back!

God's ways are above our ways. His purposes and plans are the best. As we see all the good things happening with *Joy in the Harvest*, we know God is building His Kingdom, using so many people working even during difficult times.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia



Two college students and members of Wheatland Salem UMC and Faith UMC joined in the work of loading.

Every item had to be logged into our records for customs. Claudia and Kathy Abraham kept track of it all.



Some of the boxes of books weighed over 200 pounds – too heavy to lift. We used the ramp on the U-Haul to get them into the truck and then ramped them up into the container.



We will never forget our real mission is to bring people to faith in Christ. Our motto is "... so they may know Jesus..." Seeing young Africans making life changing decisions to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior is what makes everything worthwhile.