

## Tanzanian Prayers Answered!

Our prayers for our missionaries, Linda and Eric Funke, are being answered! Sometimes those answers take time, but in the last year, here are some of the notable gifts from God:

1. Majid, a boy who with your support had surgery to help him walk in 2016, was able complete **kindergarten** in 2017! With a modified desk and handicap accessible bathroom funded by a partner family and a school that took a chance, God is helping this child learn and walk through life.
2. God rushed Deaconess **stoles** to Tanzania. Members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Longmont, CO, made these gifts in January and sent them on February 17. The stoles miraculously arrived in time to be presented at the March 11 consecration. Most packages take much longer, but these were obviously carried on angel wings!
3. Deaconess Matrinda Sanga, Grace Mutabuzi, and Bishop Emmanuel Makala attended the World Federation of Diakonia **conference** in Chicago. Your generous support, discounted registration, passports, visas, housing, drivers, etc. all came together miraculously for these leaders to meet, worship with, and exchange experiences with others from around the world. They returned bursting with new ideas to integrate!
4. Mwanza Lutheran Secondary School needed a completed **laboratory** before the government would let the school open. God stirred St. John Lutheran Church in Cypress to ask about the school's progress, agree to match donations, and through Vacation Bible School, raise the remainder of the money needed to finish the lab. This new Lutheran school should open in January! No building project is too big for God!
5. Baraka, a boy born blind, completed two years of preschool last December. The Funkes and Baraka's parents searched for many, many months for an elementary boarding school that would further his education. This past August, Mwereni Integrated **School** for the Blind in Moshi not only enrolled Baraka, but they also said they'd be willing to teach Baraka's blind younger brother Amani when the time comes. God continues to see and meet the needs of this precious family!
6. Faulty **wiring** in the school's computer lab came to Eric's attention when a student reported that a computer that was turned off was hot. This dangerous wiring could have injured students or caught fire. Eric supervised the rewiring of over half the lab, and the students and teachers now love working there. God often keeps his children safe when they don't even know they're in danger!
7. In September 2016, Eric and Linda started the process to adopt a second child. The process included many setbacks, but on September 22, 2017, **Julia** came home to be their daughter. She had only been eligible for adoption for a few weeks. As usual, God's time was perfect! The family is now in the probationary period and will begin the court process to finalize the adoption in 6 months. Thank you for your prayers and support of the Funkes! God answers prayer!!!

To read more details about these events and other answered prayers in Tanzania, go to [AFunkeTimeInTanzania.blogspot.com](http://AFunkeTimeInTanzania.blogspot.com). If you would like to receive the Funkes' monthly e-newsletter, please email [Linda.Funke@GlobalLutheranOutreach.com](mailto:Linda.Funke@GlobalLutheranOutreach.com). To see daily posts and pictures from the Funkes, go to [www.facebook.com/AFunkeTimeInTanzania](http://www.facebook.com/AFunkeTimeInTanzania).

Due to the added expenses of a new daughter and various sponsors having to reduce their monthly contributions for personal reasons, the Funkes hope to find 20 new monthly donors (of any amount) by the end of the year. If you feel God calling you to partner with them in this way, you can set up a secure monthly automatic donation at <http://globallutheranoutreach.com/support-funke.html>. An increase in contributions from current givers would likewise be a great blessing. We pray that God's love and power will continue to shine through their ministry in Tanzania.