



Out of Africa Death, Birth, Reflection, New beginnings.

As each one of us embarks upon the next part of life's journey,
Heartfelt Greetings are sent to you for 2007.

We wonder what you are thinking and how you are feeling. Perhaps amidst the freezing fog and Christmas hyperactivity you have found time to reflect upon the happenings of the past year. Amongst all of us there will have been the widest variety of experiences and feelings. Births, marriages and celebrations bringing great joy. Challenges which may have felt beyond our ability. Death, loss and grief with pain so intense we almost buckled under it. Learning and understanding so new, exciting and stretching. Solutions to problems we never imagined possible. Technology and communication beyond our comprehension. Changes we never imagined we would need to make or could handle.

In the middle of the realities of life there is **only one** constant: Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. (Hebrews 13:8)

On 23rd December many folk from different organisations came together on our compound to celebrate the most special birth in history. Carol singing was interspersed with lovely food, chatting, a story read to the children, happiness, meeting new folk, the children playing musical instruments and singing 'Mary had a baby'. Amongst us was Manuela with her 4 year old son Timo. Her husband Henrik had been unwell for a couple of weeks. She returned home to find him dead. This gentle, 39 year old man had spent the past year establishing a small Christian bookshop close to our MAF main gate. He taught Christians how to reach Muslims and facilitated conferences for Tanzanian Pastors to learn how to use a range of free books in English to teach their flocks. His death seriously shook this community, particularly MAF folk who were galvanized into supportive action. Christmas Eve a MAF plane flew his body, wife and child to Dar es Salaam for onward travel to Germany. That night their home was broken into. The next day, all over the world, people celebrated the birth of a baby who lived among us, taught us a different way to be. Taking all our rubbish he suffered the most horrific death, came alive and provided the way for us to have a relationship with him now and for ever. Henrik is with him.

Dodoma is beautifully green. Please join us in thanking God for the refreshing rain which has been falling every night for the past 2 weeks. Hope renewed, seed is being sewn in every available spot of ground in anticipation of a bountiful harvest.

With 4000 miles between us, we know that communication is vital. We'd like to let you know about a range of ways for us to stay in touch:

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It is exciting to think that Peter and Teresa Smithies (were our UK based contact) are providing technological support updating our website, creating interactive CD's etc from half way around the world! Their address is: 10 Andrews Drive, WAIOURU, 4826, New Zealand Tel: 0064 6 387 6146 email: pete.smithies@xtra.co.nz

Alan and I are preparing to return on March 18th for 8 weeks Home Assignment. It will include time with family and friends, medicals, debriefs, support raising, holiday, work and whatever else God has planned! We hope to spend time with as many as possible and we trust you'll understand that time and distance won't allow for us to visit everyone.

May the peace that passes all understanding be yours.

Alan and Davina

Ps. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending Christmas cards and gifts, they encouraged us through a difficult time.



Goodnight.....