



Dear friends,

BEFORE I say anything else, may I ask you to please pray for **Beck**, whose Chronic Fatigue is now beyond a joke.

Thankyou for praying for my **visa**. It came, and I am now in Tanzania and well into the seminars. The car is going well, thankfully, but please be praying about that, as I have some **very long journeys** still to do. I was recently welcomed to do a third visit to **Kiomboi**, the Lutheran Bible school northwest of Singida, in north-central Tanzania. There, the students were soon convinced of salvation by grace alone, although the lady **Principal**, who is the pastor of the nearby church where I preached on Sunday, told the people exactly the opposite of what I had just told them.

I am writing from Mbulu town, where I am staying in the home of my Barabaig friend from many moons ago, **Ezekieli**, who sadly lost his wife 3-4 years ago, during the birth of their third child, who also died. The Lutheran Diocese of Mbulu covers a colder, elevated area towards the north, a little south of Ngorongoro Crater. I have had another three days at **Wama**, their Bible college, which was really quite hard going, but in the end most were convinced about the gospel of grace. We are now midway through a safari that takes me to all four of their “Jimbos”, or districts, with numbers varying from 40 down to 16. We will have had almost all the pastors of the diocese and the “evangelists” from the central part of each district.

In the first two places I went to, **Katesh** (at the foot of Mt Hanang—above) and **Haydom**, the gospel was news for most ears, but the majority came away convinced—and more than convinced: some were incredibly excited. I don’t know what all this will lead to. The Lutherans, as you may know, are awfully sacramentalistic. I cannot believe I’m having such a welcome. The good thing is that those who now believe in Jesus will be with us in glory. Today, Friday, I have just finished a seminar in the third district, in **Mbulu** town itself, and this was more **tough going**. About half seem to have caught on; the assistant to the senior pastor of the jimbo is absolutely fired up and wants more. We’ll try to get a carton of the **workbooks** to them by bus. Please pray for them.

This coming week, I’m off to **Dongobesh**, another “district”, for the fourth seminar. After that, I teach youth from one of the **Tanzania Assemblies of God** churches. My last Mbulu seminar is with **Anglican pastors** and some from **other churches** as well. Then it’s up to **Arusha** further north for three weeks with another Lutheran group.

Thankyou for your faithful backing. John.

KIOMBOI



HAYDOM



KATESH



MBULU