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Quick fact: ...Tanzania has experienced the heaviest rains in 57 years!

# Dunkers in Dar

## training church leaders in tanzania

Hi Geoff,

Worst rains in 57 years.

Flooding all around. Bridges out. Homes and businesses destroyed. At least 13 people dead and many more missing. Even 2 days after the worst of the flooding, people are still putting their lives back together.



But at the same time, we are safe and dry in our house. Jacob and I drove to the post office to mail some letters, got cash at an ATM, and went to a little store. The kids are now watching the Cosby Show and Alyssa is doing some organizing in the house.

One city, two worlds. (Please check out Alyssa's [blogs](#) on the floods for more info.)

Please pray for the people of Dar es Salaam who have lost family members, homes, and businesses.

### Former Students

One of our favorite things has been reconnecting with former students. These pastors and ministry leaders are excited about the new possibilities of partnering with us, and our discussions and dreaming have been wonderful.



This week, we spent time with Pastor Freddie. Although all of our students were special to us, Freddie holds a place of high honor as “Bethany’s favorite.” When she was little, Bethany and Freddie used to race around the seminary building, and for some reason, Bethany always won.

We talked about so many things as we ate brunch together. Freddie emphasized again the critical need for leadership

training. One need that continues to rise is that pastors are unable to prepare their people to recognize cults, and the need to lovingly help people trapped in these groups. How are people in churches going to recognize false teaching when too many pastors have had so little training!



Thank you for partnering with us. We’re excited to be a part of increasing the biblical understanding of church leaders.

### **Christmas**

I will be preaching at another former student’s church on Christmas morning. Please pray that the message would be an encouragement to the church. We are honored to be invited on such a special day.

We pray that you enjoy your family and friends this Christmas, and that celebrating the birth of Jesus the Messiah, the Savior, will be especially sweet this year.

With love,

***Mark, Alyssa, Jacob, and Bethany***

PS – We are so grateful to our financial and prayer partners! If you would like to give a special year-end gift to help us in our work with Tanzanian church leaders, please mail it to the address below. (If you are at Faith Church in Indy, you can designate your giving this Sunday.) Thank you!

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