

## HAZEL'S JUNE NEWSLETTER

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. Psalm 24:1-2*

In the final week of May, I spent a wonderful week in Zanzibar with a friend. Earlier in the month, I continued to be busy with my current long-standing project, writing up the discoveries made in Ikizu during the February discourse workshop. Despite working mostly on Ikizu, Zanaki vowels have been much in my mind lately also. The survey in the Zanaki area, and working on the Zanaki orthography with mother-tongue speakers over the last few months has shown a real need for the vowels to be investigated more closely. The question that I and the consultants are debating is whether the writing system should use five vowels or seven. It may seem a simple choice, but there are many factors which have to be considered! I would appreciate prayer for this issue, as it may stand in the way of Zanaki gaining trial orthography status, and consequently we would like to resolve this as soon as possible.

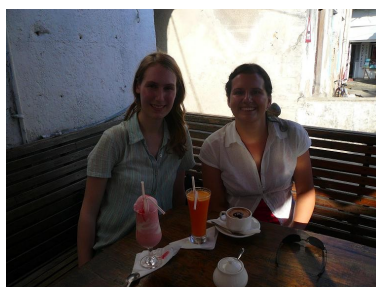
My week in Zanzibar was an enjoyable time of relaxation for me, as well as a good chance to catch up with my friend, who came out from England to visit me. Having returned from that, I now have only three weeks until I travel once again, though this time I will not be going to relax on a beach. On 24th June, my parents and two of my sisters will come to climb Kilimanjaro with me. We are raising money for Wycliffe as we do this, so please get in touch with me if you wish to sponsor us on our climb. After this holiday with my parents, it will again be time for the annual Uganda–Tanzania Branch conference in Kenya, so I will not return to Musoma until July 19th. Please pray for safe travels for all of us, and the strength for my family and I to make it to the summit of Africa's highest mountain!

On a different note, please pray for the ongoing tax audit in Tanzania. Our organization has been corresponding with the tax authorities for a number of years about the interpretation of the tax law on several different tax issues so please pray that these are resolved quickly and satisfactorily.

Thank you for your prayers concerning the decision about my future with Wycliffe. This will be a long-standing request for prayer, so please continue to bring it before the Lord. Thank you for partnering with me in prayer. God is always faithful to answer, and I have seen many answers as a result of your prayers.

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Above: Stone Town,  
Zanzibar

Left: Jennifer and me in  
Zanzibar