

# NOVEMBER '14 NEWSLETTER--from Ken & Melli Johnson

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## **“BLESSINGS CANCEL OUT WORRIES.”** --Renee Riede

For family devotions the children began their prayers with thankfulness. Two were thankful their cousins, Zach, Micah, and Elliot (Jesse and Joy’s sons) are back from furlough. One was thankful we had moved to our new house. And the littlest simply said, “I’m thankful that God made me.” *We are so blessed!*

Out of the blue, my cousin, Carol (Clement) Boehlke, texted me from Kiziba, Tanzania about coming for a visit. She and husband, Gerald, are missionaries in a small fishing village, accessed only by boat. Gerald is a teacher, evangelist and builder—engineering a much needed preschool center for the village children where Carol is the director. The village where they live and work is very friendly to them. I’m so delighted that while Gerald is teaching at a Bible School for two weeks in Congo, just across Lake Tanganyika from Bujumbura, Carol can take a break and stay with Ken and me and our noisy bunch of kids! But what an adventure to get here!

In order to drive overland anywhere, they have to travel by water-taxi from Kiziba to Kigoma to pick up their car—the one-way, five-hour trip costs around \$3.00 per person. The boat holds about 200 people and on their trip to Burundi it struck a hidden rock (kind of like the Titanic hitting the iceberg), and flung women and children from their seats. The vessel sank in about twenty minutes, but it was near enough to shore that all passengers were saved. Their luggage was rescued, too, but all was submerged—their laptop and camera were ruined. But those are only possessions...we thank God their lives were spared. What a blessing they are!

### **Prayer Requests:**

- The mission, the leaders, elders, and churches.
- The Discovery School, the director, teachers and students. **Praise & Thanksgiving—a grant has been given to build more classrooms for next year!**
- The presidential elections scheduled for June, 2015...for peace and calm throughout.

***“Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.”*** (I Thess. 5:16-18 *The Message*)

***“The amazing grace of Jesus Christ be with you!”*** - (I Thess.5:28 *The Message*)

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Ken and Melli, and Kids