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Dear Friends and Family at Zion Lutheran,

Warm greetings from MUCo on this cool Sunday evening. The electricity came on about an hour ago (7 p.m.) and so I'm using my computer to send you a thank-you letter from a very grateful woman in Tanzania that you helped last month.

You sent a check dated 5/22/07 and marked Lenten offering to the ELCA for work here in Tanzania. Thank you for sending it via the ELCA. That means I can use it easily. It sat in my account until 12 April 2008 when my friend Mrs. Helena Pallangyo came to tell me about her troubles. From my April tithe I could cover 10,000/= for a bag of corn, and 12,000/= for some fertilizer and 15,000/= to pay the person who weeded her cornfield. (Mrs. Pallangyo had been very sick and couldn't do any heavy work for a while. She's OK now.) But the problem was that I didn't have about 200,000/= to pay for corrugated iron sheets that she needed to re-roof her house. She said it leaked so badly that they couldn't sleep in their beds because the rain came in and soaked their mattresses and bedclothes. They sat up all night in the dry corners of the house. (I just can't imagine that. It is too awful!) After a few minutes I remembered the money you had sent. (That was God, of course, giving me a nudge.) In about three days Mrs. Pallangyo had the money, bought the roofing sheets, and persuaded some young carpenters to re-roof her house for free! She and I decided that one day when she visits me, we will drive up to her house and I will take pictures of the new roof to show you. Actually, I have a digital camera and so I might be able to send you a few shots via e-mail. She's a delightful woman and I'm always glad to see her and to help her.

Here are the details about your generous gift. \$170.55 sent in May 2007 and changed about April 12, 2008 at the rate of 1130 shillings to the dollar for a total of 192,721.51/=.

Thank you again and again for your generous gift. I've enclosed her thank-you letter and my translation of it and the receipt she signed for the money.

Please consider coming to visit Tanzania – we could run up to Mrs. Pallangyo's to say hello and see the new roof!

With love in the Lord,

Nancy

