

WORLD'S BEST INTERN

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from God our Father and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

This last month I had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania and spend time with our brothers and sisters in Christ there. One of the things that struck me most was that this was not simply a story about us traveling across the world to serve others; it was a reminder that Christ was already at work long before we arrived. Though thousands of miles, different languages, and different cultures separate us, we share the same Savior, the same Gospel, and the same hope in Christ. When we gathered around God's Word, those differences seemed much smaller. The people I met in Tanzania are not strangers in some distant place, but fellow members of Christ's Church.

That truth was especially meaningful as I preached about Christ as our fortress. Our fortress is not the strength of our own faith or our ability to stand firm, but Christ Himself, who gave His life for us upon the cross and rose again to secure our salvation. Seeing the faith of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania reminded me that this same Christ is sustaining His people all around the world. I came home thankful not simply for what we were able to do, but for the opportunity to see what **Christ is already doing**. From Harlan to Kidugala, we are united by the same Lord, gathered around the same Word, and held secure by the same Savior.

Yours in Christ,