

# Ronald and Deborah Williams

## Missionaries to the Maasai & Warusha

July 2006 prayer letter

I want to thank you very much for your support and prayers. God continues to bless here in Tanzania. I really believe this is because of the prayers of you and your churches.

We had a great service Sunday. I taught from the book of Acts. We are studying on what a true New Testament Church is as we move toward organizing as one.

In church, there were several elders from different bomas and several of the local government leaders that have not been to church before. After church, several of them asked me if I could give them a ride to one of the bomas as there was to be a special ceremony and they needed to get there quickly after church. When we arrived at the boma there were about three hundred people, both Maasai and Warusha. As it turned out, the special ceremony was for me. They slaughtered and roasted goats and a cow. The occasion was to formally make me a member of the Maasai tribe.

The ladies had made me the traditional cloths of a Maasai elder. I was thinking of being a warrior, but I guess I'm past that. Many elders spoke about things I have done for them and their bomas. They told me from now on, all the Maasai in age sets above me are my Fathers and Mothers; all those in my age set are my brothers and sisters; and those below are my children. I was told I am to consider all bomas as a place I could call home.

They said that I would be welcome in any council or meeting as a Maasai leader. I think this is the coolest thing to have ever happen to me. It was amazing. And they kept it a secret to surprise me.

The car has been running well. The windshield fell out and I have to take it in Thursday to have it put back in. The turn signals quiet working and they said they have to redo all the wiring that is connected to it. But it is running well. The new tires are great; I have not had a flat since I got them.

Debi is about finished with the citizenship stuff. All she is waiting for is the swearing in and she will be an American. I really miss her. There are so many areas where she has talent where I do not. I guess that is why we are a good team; we each can do the stuff the other can't.

Michelle is doing fine. Making sure she visits all her friends before leaving for school in August.

We love each of you and thank you so much for your many prayers on our behalf. I understand the ladies group at Grace Baptist in San Antonio, Texas is praying for a new vehicle for us. Please pray for a Land Rover Defender or a Toyota Land Cruiser. They are both very good for the bush.

In CHRIST

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P.S.: Our April 2005 letter included some photos from the Maasai Mara and we left them on the site via [http://bbfi-africa.org/Williams\\_Ron/Wms-Apr05-Ltr2.dot](http://bbfi-africa.org/Williams_Ron/Wms-Apr05-Ltr2.dot) so our valued supporters may still view them. Please be patient while it loads due to document size.