

*Mahalo*

THE MATAIA & KUEFFER OHANA WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO YOU, OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, FOR JOINING US AS WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A BELOVED WIFE, DAUGHTER, SISTER, AUNT, AND PRECIOUS FRIEND.

CLAIRE WAS ONE OF ELEVEN FULL-TIME, FAITHFUL YWAM MISSIONARIES SERVING ACROSS AFRICA, EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST THAT WENT TO BE WITH JESUS THAT DAY IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA. AS YOU HAVE PRAYED FOR US AND PRAYED WITH US, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD ALSO HOLD THOSE FAMILIES IN PRAYER. THEY TOO ARE SOMEONE'S HUSBAND OR WIFE, BROTHER OR SISTER, SON OR DAUGHTER, AND EVEN FATHER OR MOTHER.

*THANK YOU LORD FOR RECEIVING & REJOICING OVER CLAIRE, ZEBULON, EMMANUEL, VICENT, JOHN, BLAISE, IME, ANDREW, CHIMENE, LOVA & LORDIENNE. MAY THE SEEDS THEY HAVE PLANTED IN THE NATIONS GROW AND GO BEYOND THIS LIFETIME!*

*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



CLAIRE SUSANNE MATAIA

NOV 22, 1982 - FEB 24, 2024

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God."  
Micah 6:8 NASB*

# Obituary

Claire Susanne Kueffer Mataia, 41, went to be with the Lord on February 24, 2024, after a bus accident in Arusha, Tanzania.

Claire was born in Lawrence, Kansas, on November 22, 1982, to Steve and Pam Dummermuth Kueffer. As early as she could, Claire was forever active at her church and community serving others. Claire graduated with honors from Baldwin High School in 2001. She attended Baker University for her BS and MS in elementary education. She taught elementary in the Baldwin School District for many years until resigning in 2014. For a short time she served as church secretary and children's church director at Mustard Seed Church (now Rev City Church) until answering the call to serve as a missionary for Youth with a Mission (YWAM).

While with YWAM, Claire taught English (ELM) to other missionaries in Lausanne, Switzerland, for five years and spent three years teaching and serving refugees in Africa. During her time in YWAM, she received a MS in Global Pioneering Leadership from the University of the Nations. She met the love of her life, Paulo Mataia on the mission field. They were married in a lovely ceremony where she just beamed with joy on May 20, 2023, at the YWAM base in Kansas City, Missouri.

Claire's fingerprints and footprints are all over the globe from her time as a missionary with YWAM. She met so many wonderful people and absolutely loved what she did. It seems impossible to write about who our Claire was, her impact, and how very much we will miss her. Hard to describe her love,

joy, and laughter. There will always be an empty chair in our lives; a wonderful wife, great daughter, loving sister, amazing aunt, and caring friend. We are tremendously proud of her, blessed she was shared with us, and awed that her last day on Earth she spent worshipping our King. We

hold on to the hope that this is not "goodbye," but "see you later."

Claire is survived by her husband, Paulo and his three children, Deborah Lynne, Gracelynn, and Mana; her parents, Steve and Pam Kueffer; her six brothers, Clint and Sarah Kueffer, Chet and Elizabeth Kueffer, Cy Kueffer, Caj and Hannah Kueffer, Clad and Kelsey Kueffer, Chip and Morgan Kueffer; one sister, Chloe Kueffer; many nieces and nephews; and lots of family and friends. Claire was preceded in death by her brother, Kyle Kueffer.

# Order of Service

WELCOME  
PASTOR PIETER WILLEMS

CLAIRE'S ARRIVAL

PRAYER  
PASTORS VANCE AND LINDA ANDREAS

WORSHIP

KUEFFER SIBLINGS TRIBUTE

STEVE KUEFFER

MATAIA KIDS TRIBUTE

PAULO MATAIA

"HOW WE WORSHIP" HULA

MESSAGE  
PASTOR PIETER WILLEMS

CLOSING  
PASTOR THOMAS HUMPHRIES

RECESSIONAL

You are welcome to join us for her burial,  
following directly after the service at:  
VINLAND CEMETARY  
748 E 1750 ROAD, VINLAND, KS