



## Matt & Julie Espeland

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Many villages where you work have no electricity. The people live in thatch huts. They are poor. When you finally get there and preach, most of the Tanala people do not want to hear you. Today we are praying for our missionaries, Matt and Julie Espeland. This description sums up where they serve and how they live.

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