

Dear Friends, 17-Aug

Greetings from Kenya!!

We have now been back in Kenya nearly 2 months and are getting more settled and readjusted to life here. One of the most difficult things when we returned was to find that things had been taken (as in stolen) from the place we had some of our items stored. Some tools were included in this, and I realize as I do things how much I miss some of them.

But God is still in control and on the throne. Satan would like to use incidents such as this to keep us feeling defeated and ineffective. But by God's grace and mercy we move forward trusting that He will supply what is needed to get done what He wants done. Things like this also help one to consider again how much we have that God has blessed us with, and also to see that some of it is unnecessary excess; and how little many of the people have here.

Our family was able to travel to Narok Training Center last weekend and reconnect and greet some of our national leaders in the Maasai ministry and Community Christian Church (CCC - Kenyan national church registration of churches planted by CMF in Kenya). We had a small problem with the land cruiser, but God provided the parts, on a Sunday, to get us back to Nairobi. This trip also gave me the opportunity to see some of the many tasks that are before us this term.

Please pray that I would be usable by God in the ways that He wants. I feel very much in my element when I am able to exercise my primary gifts, which are "Doing" gifts... such as swinging a hammer, turning a wrench, hauling materials, being "on-the-job" so to speak. However, the church in Maasai is growing and the Lord is blessing the efforts of nationals tremendously... Praise His Name!!" What seems to be more needed now by the church in Maasailand is more administration and oversight of things like church building projects; development projects for training centers, communities, and clinic facilities; acquisition of title deeds for church, training center, and clinic properties; etc.

Please pray that I'd be flexible and willing enough to work on the things that are needed to further empower Community Christian Church and allow the Gospel to saturate the Maasai and their culture.

Please lift before the Lord these things as well:

- * Aug 23 - Maasai missionary team meeting
- * Aug 24-27 - All Kenya CMF Field Team Meeting - there are many issues to deal with and decisions to be made regarding ministry and partnership with the CCC and the increased scrutiny and regulation we are getting from the Kenyan government
- * Leslie and Cara started school this last week and are needing to adjust to a more rigorous academic curriculum than they were used to in the US during our furlough
- * Crystal begins her 2nd year at the University of Illinois this coming week

Another big favor I have to ask of you all. For those who have ever told us, "If there is ever anything you need, or anything we can do, let us know," here it is; I'm asking now.

My parents will have the joy of celebrating 50 years of marriage this Sept 1 (that's in 2 weeks!!). This is quite humbling for me to see them reach this milestone in their lives and it's a great feeling to share in that joy with them, even though we are separated by many miles.

If you would join me and my family in helping them celebrate this achievement, I'd be most grateful. Please feel free to send them a note at:

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If you're close enough or in the area, there will also be an open reception honoring Mom & Dad on Sunday, October 7, 2-5 PM, in the Fellowship Hall of:

First Christian Church
3350 N MacArthur Road
Decatur, IL 62526-1449

I hope I helped my brother and sister with adequate enough preparations for this before our return to Kenya that they'll be able to pull it off in my absence.

Thanks for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support of our family and ministry. We are grateful for you!!

Philippians 1:3-6.

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