

Dear praying friends and family,

We thank you for your prayers. Below, you will find two sections: an abbreviated prayer list, and a detailed one. Each list has previous prayer needs first, with new ones after those. The numbers correspond with the original request. The short version has only current prayer needs. The long version has answers to prayer in brackets.

7. Kenya's post-election crisis
11. Our health and safety
12. Our spiritual lives to grow
13. Sarah and Chris's future
14. Water and electricity to be installed at our two training centers
17. Connie and Member Care ministry
18. Josiah in Jamaica for a DTS
19. Rachel's plans after high school
20. Response to internally displaced people
21. Dan's Talek trip to plan medical/evangelism outreach
22. 2 meetings in March with Maasai
23. A place for our family to take a break and relax

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3. We also need to locate a good internet service provider that's reliable, affordable, and has decent speed. This is very important for the kind of work we do, as well as the personal desire to keep in touch with family and friends here. [Mission accomplished, as we have a booster antenna now on our roof. The speed is still slow, but it's manageable.]

5. We are pondering where we should focus our primary efforts with the Maasai - as a team, as well as for Dan and for Connie. There are MANY things we will be facing, and we want to do our best in responding where we feel led to. It's exciting, and also a bit daunting. [Mission accomplished. Team finances are making good progress. New teammates understand their roles. All 3 Boards of Directors are making progress. Electricity will likely be in place at Ewaso Ngiro and Kajiado Training Center in the first half of 2008. Several church buildings could be built this year. A new medical/evangelism outreach will be done this Fall with the help of Connection Pointe Christian Church. The website is getting updated. Other things are happening. God is good.]

7. In Kenya, it is a presidential election year. The desire is for free and fair elections, for security in the country, for the Kenyans to have a positive impact in the political realm and good results afterwards.

[Election day was great. Tallying the votes and post-election chaos was disastrous and has challenged Kenya like nothing we've ever seen. Over 1,000 died in the violence, up to 300,000 internally displaced. This is a much more stressful country to live in now. Keep praying.]

9. Making the needed changes to our new house and staying within budget. [Mission accomplished. The house looks good and we love it. Our last two months of the year were tremendous in donations, as people were so generous. THANK YOU!!! We finished the year with a positive balance, and all bills are paid. God is faithful.]

11. Pray for good health and safety as we get readjusted to the environment here and have been reminded of the risks of living here. [Travel has become a bit more risky due to greater possibility of roadblocks related to post-election issues. Many have lost jobs in the last 6 weeks, also related to post-election issues, which could make us a bit more of a target for desperate people. Thanks for praying, but consider this an ongoing prayer request.]

12. Pray for our spiritual lives to grow and not be drowned out by the worries of this world. [It can be a challenge to focus on our spiritual lives with the new adjustments we are having to

make to live here and still do our mission work. Just more worries of the world in our face at this point. Keep praying.]

13. Pray for Sarah and Chris as they continue to enjoy their new life as husband and wife, and as they ponder and pray over their future after they graduate from Azusa Pacific University next school year. [We enjoyed having them at Christmas. Chris graduated in Dec, Sarah will graduate in May. Pray for them as they are deciding their next steps after Sarah graduates. We are proud of them both!]

14. Pray for 240-volt electricity and water to be installed at the Kajjado Training Center, Narok Training Center, and Ewaso Ngiro Clinic. We have been working off solar power, rainwater, and river water for years and years, and now these places have the opportunity to get on the national power grid and cleaner, bigger water supplies. [After the electricity is installed, the water project at Ewaso Ngiro will be getting increased attention; it already is by teammate Lynn Cazier, but the Kenyan water engineer has been affected by the post-election violence and is reluctant to do much work until things calm down.]

15. Pray for the final settlements on two former missionary compounds that we are in the final stages of releasing. One looks to be simple, and in November we will give the keys to the Elangata Enterit cluster of CCC churches to use. The other, at Oltulelei, is a bit more thorny as we wait for final payment from a Maasai cheat by December 1. If the payment does not come in by then, we will start the process of reclaiming the house and giving it to the cluster of churches. The churches would rather have the house. [You know how things turned out at Elangata Enterit - we were intimidated into giving the house to the community, not the church. With Oltulelei, we have given up on getting the balance of the money, and have in fact returned the money paid to us for the house in 2000 so that house can also go to the community; another situation (on the same group ranch) in which we feel we had no choice. The issue there is really about a power struggle within the Maasai themselves on the group ranch, and it is best if CMF is completely out of the picture. That is what the Maasai recommended, as well as lawyers I consulted in Nairobi. So, we are now out of the picture. Thanks for praying. They make a difference. I was served notice by a lawyer at one point in this process to force me to refund the money or face court. Did you know our team was threatened to be taken to court three times in 2007 by disgruntled Maasai? All three came to nothing, but it was getting rather annoying!]

16. Pray for reporting of team finances to be cleaned up. Due to so few missionaries being here in 2006-2007, many records have not been reconciled and some money has been lost or stolen. Several accounts have been handled well, but several other accounts require a lot of research to know what the bottom line really is. Pray this can all be cleared up by the end of this year. Pray especially for Jeff Brown, our new CMF/Kenya Field Business Administrator, as he tackles some of these jobs. His family arrived in July, and he is handling more than he bargained for already! He is up to the task, but needs prayers and encouragement. [Mission accomplished. All accounts now have a positive balance and good reporting, except for the Health Ministries. Jeff Brown and I are beginning to handle that now, and the Health Ministries finance people are giving us good information to help us all work together to see what improvements can be made. Jeff Brown is doing a fine job.]

17. Praise God for the tremendous workshop Connie was able to attend the first week of the month on Member Care and Managing Crises. It struck a chord with her and she now has a keen eye and ear to know more about this area – big things and small things alike. Pray for her as she continues to build her knowledge and offer advice, prayers, and encouragement to other missionaries who need this kind of input. [One teammate had a carjacking, everyone has been experiencing the post-election chaos. Connie's ministry, encouragement, and advice to people during this time has been so very valuable. God continues to answer this prayer by using her. Keep praying about this as future ministry.]

18. Pray for our son, Josiah, as he makes plans for study abroad next semester in Jamaica. [He has arrived and is happy and growing. He will be there until the end of June. Keep praying for

him during this time.]

19. Pray for Rachel as she contemplates what college to go to after graduation in May, 2009. [Not much change. Keep praying.]

And now for the new requests:

20. Pray for our team's response to the internally displaced people (IDP) because of the post-election violence. I know of three areas in Maasailand where we have churches that can minister to these IDP. The clinic staff have already identified IDP with medical needs, including HIV/AIDS. Pray we can get things coordinated on our end with the churches so they are empowered to minister to these IDP in the rural areas. (The CMF/Nairobi Urban Poor team has been ministering to IDP for a few weeks now.)

21. Pray for my trip to Talek, Feb 21-23. I will be meeting with several Maasai about a medical/evangelism outreach that Connection Pointe Christian Church is sponsoring and coming to participate in September this year. This outreach will be a boost to the medical work and has good potential to plant a church.

22. Pray for two meetings Dan has in March. One is with the Maasai Advisors Committee (MAC), who has advised us missionaries since 2000 on where to focus our ministries. We are finding that the national church, CCC (registered in 2005), is almost organized enough to be our advisors and ministry partners so that the MAC will eventually become redundant. Pray about this transition and when it should take place. The other meeting is with the Board of Narok Bible Training Institute, to discuss Vision and Policy as they continue to make progress in running this ministry.

23. Pray for our family to find a good place to take a break and relax. The tension and "unknowns" in Kenya, as a result of the post-election violence, take a toll on us internally.

Thanks for praying for us!

Dan and Connie Crum  
Josiah and Rachel  
Sarah and Chris Odell