

To all of you:

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Thank you for your prayers for our safety, our team's, and for peace in Kenya. It has been a grand roller coaster ride since Christmas...one we do not wish to repeat!

With a high stress level, we lived with possible evacuation on one end of the spectrum to interruption and change of immediate ministry focus on the other. We lived day to day, not knowing what it would bring. Meetings and trips to Maasailand had to be rescheduled several times as travel was not safe. Sometimes school was cancelled or let out early. Many extra curricular activities were rescheduled or canceled as riots would break out in parts of Nairobi. We learned how quickly a country can spiral out of control and how fear can grip a person's mind. We also learned that God is the ultimate Provider and Sustainer of life. That His people are not exempt from suffering and death, but promises to be with us in the midst of it. That we live with the hope of eternal life...His promise to all who believe in Him.

Please continue to pray for Kenya's recovery. Calm prevails, but there is still a long way to go, as there is much damage in Western Kenya from the violence. The economy has a long upward climb to return to where it was. The tourism industry (Kenya's #1 industry) has suffered greatly. A teammate was recently in the Mara to make arrangements for a visiting group later this year. Staying at a camp, he found he was the only visitor; everyone else were employees. Peace is fragile as major issues in setting up the new power-sharing government in Parliament continues, land ownership issues are yet to be defined, reconciliation and relocation of thousands of displaced people seems overwhelming. But you know, God CAN soften hearts towards true reconciliation and peace in Kenya. God CAN make a way when there seems to be no way. He IS in ultimate control of Kenya and each of our lives! That is the comfort we have.

Lynn has now been taking short trips to various parts of Maasailand. The Kumpa clinic water project is finally complete...it has been a long ordeal. He's been spending time drawing up electrical wiring plans/diagrams for both training centers and the Ewaso Ngiro clinic. MUCH thought needs to go into this and Lynn, the training center managers, and clinic administrator have been working hard to think of all the angles and consider future needs of

the facilities.

Leslie and Cara began their spring break Wed. from Rosslyn Academy, returning March 31. We will be taking 3 days next week for a much needed family time to just relax and rest. It has been a wild 5 months since Lynn's car jacking in November!

And to you, we pray you will have a blessed Easter!!

Serving our risen Lord,

Lynn and Dori

Thanking God For:

- * Resolution between Mwai Kibaki (PNU party) and Raila Odinga (ODM) to the post election crisis in Kenya. Pray that the power-sharing agreement is worked out in laws and changes in the country and that Parliament can implement the changes in a peaceful and upright way.

- * Completion of the Kumpa water project. Water is now not only flowing to the community, but to the Clinic as well. Pray that the local community water committee will manage this project in a proper way to prevent breakages.

- * Maturity in our ministry leaders. Dan Crum, Joshua Barron, and Lynn recently met with the Maasai Advisor's Committee at Ng'ataek and received good reports from most clusters. In nearly all areas, the Maasai churches of CCC seem to be growing spiritually, numerically, and planting new churches as well. They are taking more ownership of the work and stepping up to the plate to fulfill their responsibility. They have a clearer understanding this needs to be their church and ministry.

- * 24 years of marriage on 24 March

- * A wonderful time with Crystal over the Christmas holidays in spite of the circumstances surrounding us! She was grateful to witness first hand the post-election crisis in Kenya.

Praying For:

- * There are still many Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) in Kenya. Pray for them as they decide where to resettle and reestablish their lives.

- * Due to post election violence, reports indicate inflation in Kenya is as high as 19%. This is affecting all Kenyans, greatly increasing prices on basic necessities such as food and fuel. It is

affecting us as well. With inflation in Kenya at this level and the US Dollar exchange rate about 20% lower than it was during our first term, we have been hard hit on both personal and ministry expenses. We, and teammates, need wisdom as we seek to support our

own families, to assist our employees, IDP's, fund ongoing ministry projects, and development projects. The cost of nearly everything has gone up tremendously in a very short time. We have seen God's faithfulness numerous times...He is our Provider and Sustainer of life. :-)

- * Wisdom in managing development projects such as the water and electricity at the 2 Maasai Training Centers. Due to rapidly increasing costs from post election violence and dealing with contractors, who Lynn often finds do not give him all the information up front; it is more difficult if adequate funds are not available to complete a project before starting.

- * Wisdom for CCC churches in Maasai as they reach out to IDP's and also seek to raise an ever - increasing share of their own funds to construct church buildings.

- * Our team will be meeting at our house April 2-4. Pray we clearly hear God's leading as we seek to minister with/to the Maasai.

- * A getaway of R & R for our family March 25-28. Also for focus, purpose, and the ability to prioritize as we continue in ministry.

- * For God to show Crystal a direction for her studies next year. For a contact in Damascus, Syria that can be her "bridge person" if that is where she is to be. Her desire is to be in Damascus studying Arabic and being immersed in the culture.

- * Continued safety/security for our family and other mission/expatriate families in Kenya. Another armed car jacking occurred in Runda (our neighborhood) of a US Embassy family earlier this month.

- * Our preparation to host a group of 20 University students that will be in Kenya to conduct and lead youth camps. They will take a break from these camps June 17-21, when we will take them to

help with some work projects in Maasailand. Pray for the coordination and oversight of this group.

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