

Rainy Season and Home Assignment

March 2018

What has been going on?

It's hard to believe but we are heading to the US for a short home assignment in two weeks. We are looking forward to getting some rest, spending time with family, and reconnecting with friends. We depart on April 1st and return to Kenya on August 22nd.

This term in Kenya has seen its ups and downs as well as many stressful and tiring moments. From Tim's pneumonia to the health issues of Tim's and Maureen's dad, there seemed to be no break from health issues and there were many points where we just didn't know how to move forward. Yet, there have also been many amazing moments where God clearly made his presence known - often during those moments when we didn't know how to proceed with life. Thank you for holding us up in prayer all throughout!

This new year has quickly moved along and we find ourselves at the end of term 2 at Moffat and Rift Valley Academy. We have just finished classes/exams and have less than a week to pack up for the transition to the US.

For much of the last two years, Kenya has suffered from political unrest from elections a severe drought, but recently the rains have come with a vengeance. In the last few weeks we've seen brown and dusty trees become green. The reminder that God not only walks with us but with his creation is humbling.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with you during our time in the US. We hope to update you on our travel plans. Please let us know if you would like to meet to catch up. We will share our US phone numbers when we get them.

What's up at Moffat?

Tim has been busy at Moffat with some administrative responsibilities, teaching, and mentoring. He just finished teaching African Church History for the second time as well as Theology of God.

Last July Tim and the VP for Academics paid the director of ACTEA (The Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa - our accrediting agency) a visit to discuss revisions to the diploma program and to pitch the idea for a certificate program. The meeting went well and we were given permission to start a one-year certificate program this academic year, but we found only two students in the one month we had, so we opted to delay the start of the program. As of today, our admissions team has 12 certificate students lined up for next year and 6 diploma students. This is an answer to prayer and we are praying for even more students - at least 30!



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Upcoming Events

- April 1— Depart for the US
- April 11—Visit family in SC
- April 27-29—Family Life Conference



Last November, Tim and a group of students from Antioch Missions Fellowship (Tim is the patron of this group) had a week-long outreach in Kilimangodo where 107 people gave their lives to Christ. A student also followed up with these new believers at Christmastime.

There is another outreach occurring now March 24-31 in Maralal. Please pray for safety, good health, a fruitful ministry and a bountiful harvest of souls. Tim will hand over his responsibilities as Spiritual Life Director before we depart, but has already planned and scheduled events for term 3.

What's up with Maureen and the kids?

Luke and Kate celebrated their birthdays recently, and they are now 9 and 6. God has blessed them with good health in the recent months and they just finished 3rd grade and Kindergarten. They love "school" and enjoy learning each day. Kate is now reading and Luke loves to read so much that we have to stop him most of the time. They both love spending time outdoors, having picnics, riding bikes, flying kites, and playing with friends. They are looking forward to swimming more and hoping to spend some time outdoors while in the US. Let us know if you have an extra bike for kids to lend us. We will be homeschooling them while we are in America. Our kids were not immune to the stresses in the last two years and we plan to spend some quality, protected time with them during home assignment.

Maureen finally wrapped up her research project on understanding how mothers make delivery decisions in Naivasha subcounty. She was able to share results with key stakeholders and decision makers for the health systems in Nakuru County. This was done by having participants read quotes from different women's experiences, then they themselves drew out themes that emerged. Groups tackled the themes and brainstormed for ideas to improve on the current situations. This group activity was a totally new experience to Kenyans as they are used to being presented with numbers, log books, and statistics. Our qualitative study allowed them to be in the mothers' shoes, and empathize with mothers when they are delivering their babies. Pray that this will help them make key interventions that would really improve the health of women in Kenya.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Praise God for . . .

- Good health for our family in the last few months
- People who invests in God's work by supporting our family to serve in Kenya
- Growing our faith during the most difficult times in our lives
- 18 students accepted already at Moffat for fall intake

Pray for . . .

- 30 or more first year students at Moffat in the next academic year
- Transition to home assignment - physical and spiritual rejuvenation, home schooling and activities for kids
- Continued improvement in our fathers' health
- Luke and Kate - to know Christ as their Savior and Lord
- Additional monthly support - we are lacking \$780 monthly
- Able to share what God is doing in Kenya with our prayer partners
- Quality time with family and friends while in the USA



Kilimangodo Outreach



Sharing Christ in Kilimangodo



Fetching H₂O in Kilimangodo



Shower in Kilimangodo

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