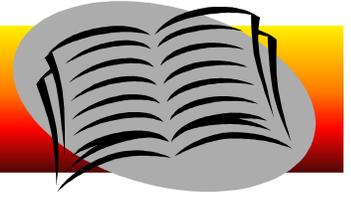


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MINISTRY UPDATE

The guesthouse continues to be full almost every night, giving us many opportunities to encourage and pray for/with the people staying here. And we continue to pray for one Som@li man who became a believer at the end of last year. He recently brought his mom to the hospital for a check up and stopped at the guest house to say hi and introduce us to his mom. He is doing well and appears to be growing spiritually. Please continue to pray for him.

Earlier this year we had some issues with our workers spreading rumors about each other. Thank you to all who prayed about that. Things are a lot better, but not totally resolved. Our hearts are really burdened for our workers; that they would have a genuine, growing relationship with Jesus Christ. And that they would love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a Bible study with them once a week; studying

Proverbs and they are starting to be more open. Please also continue to pray for them.

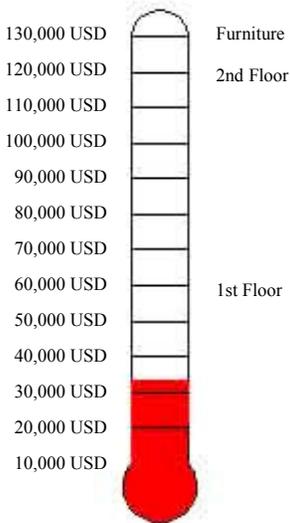
We continue to work hard at making improvements at the guesthouse as time and money allows. In December we received a gift of money that allowed us to retile the 3 showers, 5 toilets, hallway and kitchen downstairs. We also painted the hallway and kitchen red, purchased new countertops and made new kitchen curtains. In addition, we needed to replace the ceilings in 2 rooms due to water leaks and decided to use acoustic ceiling tiles so they are easier to replace one by one in the future as needed. We are also working towards replacing all the curtains and bedcovers. We would guess that many have not been replaced in over 10 years and many are ripped and stained. So far we have done 7 out of the 11 rooms, with 2 of the remaining 4 done, but waiting for the rooms

to be painted.

We were also very, very fortunate to have a work team come from our home church and 2 other churches to help us with a few projects in June. Two of the



women sewed and that is why we have so many of the bedcovers and curtains done. Thank you ladies! And the four men worked hard at replacing the outside and inside walls of 2 of the rooms upstairs. Unfortunately, some of the walls upstairs are rotten due to termite and water damage so they need to be replaced. There were



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- UP CLOSE & PERSONAL
- FAMILY UPDATE
- PRAISE & PRAYER REQUEST

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

What do you do when you have more work than what your full time workers can do? Here in Kenya we hire casual help. We would like to profile one of our casuals this time and his name is Matthias Peter Mumo or as we call him Mumo. Our kids just love Mumo. Mumo was born about 200 miles from Kijabe to a home that was dysfunctional and lacked food & clothes. His father was always drinking and his mother used tobacco. His father died when he was 12 and from that time on Mumo lived with an aunt and then one of his sisters. He

went to 3 primary schools before going onto high school.

In 1999 while with his aunt he attended a Catholic church and was baptized in that church in



2003, but not much changed in his life. He smoked, was violent and also rebellious to adults he was around. After joining high school

an attitude change began to slowly take place. After high school Mumo attended a camp put on by a German mission called Diguna. This camp challenged his life view in that Christ is not a church based decision, but is based upon a personal decision. During his time at Diguna Mumo made a commitment to be a follower of Christ and serve Him. One day Mumo would like to work with Diguna and their radio division, but must first go to school to become an electronic engineer. Please pray for Mumo's intellectual and spiritual growth.

MINISTRY UPDATE

2 other ladies and they were a huge help to me with cooking, dishes and anything else I needed them to do. Everyone had such servants hearts and they were such an encouragement to us. It was so great to see them build relationships with our workers, gain a better understanding of the ministry opportunities here and have them pray

for us and others working/ministering here.

Thank you to all who have given money towards Bibles and other literature. So far \$1000 has been raised to purchase Bibles in Nairobi. We have put Bibles in the rooms at the guesthouse and replace them as guests take them. We have also handed out

some to our workers and other people who have asked for one for them or a friend. We also have a place where people can look thru other literature like books and tracts and take as needed. Please pray with us that His Word would become alive to those who read it.

FAMILY UPDATE

We have just completed another school year at RVA. This past year Erica was in 2nd grade so this fall she will start 3rd grade. She has learned so much this past year. Probably the most telling aspect is her prayers at supper. She tends to focus on the needs of others and those in Kenya who do not have anything like the IDP's (internally displaced people) from the violence of the last election. We are grateful for her sensitivity to the outside world and continue to encourage her.

Emily this year started school in Kindergarten. As we have noted in many updates this past year she has struggled quite a lot with learning. Eventually she was diagnosed with ADHD and put on medication to help her focus. The medicine has greatly impacted her learning and she is growing quite a bit. It still appears that she has a slight learning disability so in August she will meet with a counselor to undergo some tests. We pray that these tests will give us further direction on her learning styles and on where we may help more. She is such a precious girl and we can

only imagine the great future the Lord has for her. It has already been decided that she will repeat Kindergarten so we would value your prayers for that discussion.

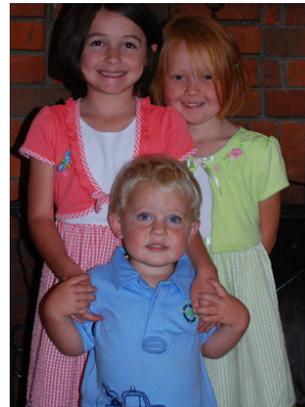
Ethan our 2 year old boy is having the time of his life as he grows up. He is able to go outdoors any time he desires and any number of people will watch him. He can help Geoffrey, the guesthouse outside worker, cut grass or weed the garden. He can help dad with any project that he is working on. He can help Esther, our house worker, sweep or hang up clothes. I think you get the idea. He is learning so much and we can already see some great character traits coming.

Our kids are really bonding with each other and their friends. We are excited to see what the future holds for them and pray that the Lord will lead them to serve Him in some capacity in the future. Would you pray for them?

1. To desire a growing relationship with God and strive to have their actions, words and thoughts be pleasing to Him.

2. To use the gifts God has given them for God's glory
3. For their emotional & intellectual growth
4. Patience and wisdom for us as we teach them.

We were very blessed to have Jeff's parents come out for a visit in April. The girls really took advantage of them being here and doing simple things together like



having grandma brush their hair instead of mommy. Ethan really met them for the first time, as far as he can remember, but now recognizes them in their picture, although he still calls them "grandma and grandma."

PRAYER REQUEST & PRAISES

Prayer Requests

Africa Inland Church — strength, stability, & wisdom

Emily—learning & growth

Language learning

Relationships.

Financial Partnerships

Guesthouse Ministry— ministry to Muslims, nationals and missionaries; new construction.

Rain and provision for Kenyans as many crops have already died

Praises

Time spent with family & friends

Safety in traveling.

Financial and prayer support

Encouraging friends/fellow missionaries

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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