



The McClerkin Messenger

October 16th, 2015

Greetings from Toposaland!

“Expect the unexpected.” That’s what we’re learning these days! As you know we’d planned to leave the States in early September. However, Latoya’s travel permit had still not been approved, so our departure was delayed by 10 days. The Lord turned our initial disappointment into joy when the opportunity came for us to spend Labor Day with family and friends, to say a ‘proper goodbye’ to others, and to finish up some projects here that really needed my attention. Unfortunately, it looked like it would cost us \$1,500 to change our plane tickets.... But fortunately, God really worked on our behalf. In the end, we were able to change all three for only \$15!

Once we arrived in Kenya, our first task was to find a reliable vehicle to take up to South Sudan. Would you believe we found the exact car I had in mind on the first day we went shopping?! The Lord really met us by leading us to someone who was selling within our budget and who had kept the vehicle in ‘like new’ condition. Talk about an answer to prayer!

Rural Kenya is beautiful this time of year, and we got to see the ins and outs of it during our travels. We saw the Rift Valley, old volcanoes, mountains, and plenty of wildlife, among other things.



My old buddy from Mozambique, Manuel, came up to Kenya to travel with us. He’s a hard worker and has been a real asset on the Hope4Sudan Compound in the past. He and I drove the vehicle for two days on the rougher roads of Kenya before picking up Latoya and Ethan at an airport up north. (I had them flown to a certain town due to the dangers of carrying them the whole way.)

Below: Meeting up with Manuel



Travels weren’t easy on us *or* our car. The road was so bad that we had a front shock mount break which cut our brake line. We ended up driving two hours, which equated to about 40 miles, without brakes. It was a

blessing (and relief!) that no harm came our way. On Thursday, Oct. 8th, after three days of hard driving, we finally arrived in Kapoeta.

We would appreciate your prayers as we try to get the house settled and everything back up to par. Please also pray for Latoya as she faces a lot of ‘maternal fears’ with Ethan here. Malaria is rampant at the moment, so we’re praying for a covering over our household.

A medical/ministry team will be arriving from the U.S. at the beginning of November. Pray for them and for us as we prepare, and pray for the Spirit to ready the hearts of the locals to hear His Word and to see His love poured out through chosen vessels.

From our home to yours,
Greg, Latoya & Ethan

Ethan's Corner

What an adventure the past few weeks have been for our little man! Despite the huge move, he seems to be doing well and slowly (but surely!) adjusting to his new home. His big struggles so far have been the absence of ice cream, pizza, and cool temperatures. Whenever the heat becomes too much for him he tells us, "Let go to Africa," meaning, in fact, "Let's go to America (The Land of Air Conditioners)!" 😊



Visiting a friend in Kenya!



Driving a car in S. Sudan!