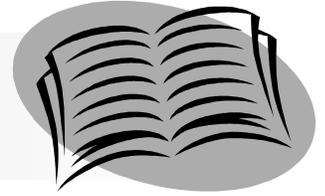


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MINISTRY & FAMILY UPDATE

It is hard to believe that we have been back in Wisconsin for 4 months. It has been an enjoyable time seeing family and friends and being able to get reconnected with all of them. We have enjoyed being refreshed and energized for when we head back at the end of December (this is dependent on us having enough financial support, which you can read about on the back). We have enjoyed our time here, but also realize our home is not here, but in Kenya. We are anticipating returning to Kijabe to continue our ministry at the motel and other areas where our expertise is needed.

One of the opportunities we had during our time in the US has been to visit with family. And it has been great! Both sets of parents and Angela's sister (and spouse) were able to meet us at the airport. The "funny" story about that is that we came out exit B and they were told that we were coming out exit A. So this meant that we spent 2 hours looking for each other. It was a little frustrating at the time, but it gives us a great memory about the first

time we came to America on home assignment. Angela's other sister came up from Ohio the next day and then Jeff's brother flew in from Washington State about 2 weeks later. We were then able to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Jeff's parents. It was a wonderful time of fun, family and friends. We think Erica and Emily's favorite part was the fact



Jeff's parents and our family at the 50th wedding anniversary party. The canes are a family heirloom given to those who reach 50 years of marriage.

that they could sing 2 songs with their cousins for their beloved grandma and grandpa. We think this because even months later we will be driving down the road and they will start singing the songs they sang that night. We spent Thanksgiving with Angela's

family and have special times with both families planned for Christmas. But we do realize that our time with family will be coming to an end soon. Please pray that we will make many more new memories and pray for us as we say good-bye. As we mentioned before, Kenya is our home now, but we still miss our family.

We have also had the opportunity to speak with many of our supporting churches. We took one trip to Pennsylvania and New York and another trip to Ohio. The trip to Pennsylvania and New York allowed Angela to see the church where her father pastored for about 10 years in western Pennsylvania. It was wonderful to rekindle old relationships and meet the many new people at the church. We were then able to head to New York where we met a college friend from Cedarville. We had not seen each other for 10 years, so we had a lot of catching up to do. Our friend is currently pastoring a church on an Indian reservation, and it was interesting for us to compare the cultural differences that we experience—each

for the time we are away, but upon our return this will be the first project we undertake. We were not expecting this, but it will mean our hot water system will be very close to being up to date. The only item we will look at replacing in the future is the solar panels attached to the hot water tanks. They have been used for the motel since the early 1980's.

We also hope to do a little remodeling upon our return to the bathrooms in our two apartments. They have tiled walls that are white with white walls around

these tiles. The tiles are getting discolored and starting to fall from the walls. We need to reconstruct the walls due to age and water damage and then retiling them. We hope to color coordinate the tiles, with the paint, towels and other necessities in the rooms. This will make it a little more homey to the sometimes weary missionaries who stay in the apartments. We are excited to see some small improvements (most of which can go from one building to another) while maintaining the idea of building a new motel in the future.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, Oh most High.

Psalms 92:1

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- MINISTRY UPDATE
- MOTEL UPDATE
- SUPPORT STATUS
- PRAISE & PRAYER REQUEST

MOTEL UPDATE

While we have been away from the motel there has been much activity. Some of them are good and some are bad. One of the items that will need some attention when we return is our hot water system. Before we left for furlough we replaced 2 of our hot water tanks with the idea of replacing the last 2 sometime in the future. The future has come about 2 months ago since the other 2 hot water tanks sprung a leak. Dan (the man managing the motel while we are gone) and our workers were able to patch things

MINISTRY UPDATE

on our own mission field. From there we headed to eastern Pennsylvania where we caught up with many friends that we met when they came to Kijabe on a missions trip. This church has brought a group to Kijabe three different times in the two years that we have been there. It was so fun to catch up with them on "this side of the ocean."

Our trip to Ohio allowed us to attend our 10 year reunion at Cedarville University and then share with a supporting church in Troy, Ohio. We were also able to stay with some classmates from Cedarville that are currently living in Troy and visit with them before they head to Chile at the beginning of the year to be missionaries.

We are fortunate that most of our supporting churches are in Wisconsin. So, even though the traveling is done, we were still able to share our ministry and our hearts with five different churches in our area. Angela has also shared at four different ladies groups. What an encouraging time as we share, see friends, meet new people and hear that people are praying for us!

This year also marks a milestone for us as a couple. Ten years ago on October 4 we were married. We have been married ten years and it does not seem like it. God has been so good to us. We are also thankful for Chelton Baptist Church. For our anniversary they sent us to a bed and breakfast for a day. It was such a beautiful

place and a special time of relaxation and uninterrupted conversations.



Erica & Emily with cousin Alexa.

Our children are enjoying America, especially grandparents and McDonalds. Erica is doing well in home school and is reading new words each day. Emily has discovered that ladybugs make good pets. And Ethan is crawling and enjoying new tastes of food.

Check out our new website www.saundersministry.org

SUPPORT STATUS

The Dow Jones is above 13,000 points which means that the price of stocks are going up. Consequently, one might think that all is rosy in the financial world, but it is not. In the past year the US dollar has lost around 7% of its value. It is to the point where the Canadian dollar is worth more than the US dollar. Inflation has also continued to rise and in Kenya last year it was around 5%. Two other reasons for our increase are the birth of Ethan and Erica starting 1st grade. For these reasons our support rate has been increased. Our support rate is now \$5,339 per month. At this point in time we have \$4,500 per month com-

mitted to us. This gives us a shortfall of \$839 per month to be at 100%. AIM will not allow us to return to Kijabe until we have 100% of our support pledged. For the year we have a shortfall of \$11,573. If the Lord does not provide the additional finances by the 17th of December we will stay in the US and begin sharing with churches until our support is 100%.

Would you please pray with us that this need would be met? Could you help meet this shortfall? We are seeking partnerships of \$25, \$50 or \$100 per month. If you feel the Lord leading you to help with this need, please either email us at jasaunders@aimint.net or send AIM a note informing them of your decision.

We are so grateful for how the Lord has provided for us in the past. He has taken care of every need we have had and we praise His name for His provision in our lives! Please join us in saying thank you!

We also would like to update you on the progress of the motel financial fundraising. The Lord has provided \$29,500 out of \$250,000 towards the new motel/guesthouse. Please continue to pray as the Lord provides for this need.

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PRAYER REQUEST & PRAISES

Prayer Requests

Africa Inland Church — strength, stability, & wisdom

Spiritual growth for us as a family

Cultural Adjustments - language & relationships.

Financial Partnerships

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

Time Management

IRS Tax issues from 2005

Praises

Time spent with family & friends

Safety in traveling.

Financial Partnerships

Encouraging Supporters

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus

concerning you.

1 Thessalonians

5:18

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