

Running with the Dubbers

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"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.... Glory to God in the highest!"

Luke 2:11, 14



Conflict, Attitudes, and Boy Trouble

It was a sweet reunion with our fourteen junior high girls after our time in Canada. We missed them very much. We had a wonderful term with them but were prepared for "eighth grade" to hit. About a month before the end of this term— it did. There were many social conflicts, tons of attitude, and boy trouble. The great thing is that we were prepared this time. The difficult thing continues to be standing in as these girls' parents as they learn life lessons and go through the difficulties of junior high. Pray that we will be filled with wisdom from the Holy Spirit as we give advice, nurture, comfort, discipline, disciple, and enjoy these girls. We continue to receive such encouraging support from all of their parents which helps so much.

Prayer:

- Continue to pray for funds to be able to purchase a vehicle. We are at half of what is needed.
- That we will have the wisdom needed to guide and direct our eighth grade girls.
- For health. Last term was difficult with a lot of people being sick.

Soccer and Field hockey

Todd had the privilege of coaching junior varsity boys soccer this term. They had an undefeated season scoring 47 goals for and had just 7 against. He had excellent players and a good relationship with the team. He was faced with the difficult decision of dismissing a boy mid-season after several incidents. So much good came from it though and the team realized how much Todd cared about their character, growth, and sportsmanship.

Kylie has started her field hockey season. She has a great varsity team that has girls with positive attitudes and a love for the game of hockey. She is looking forward to a fun season and is enjoying the change of pace after having Ella.

Praise:

- Todd's sister Joelle was able to come and spend about a month with us in December.
- That Todd passed his Kenyan drivers test to be able to drive a bus.

Cassidy, Titus, and Ella

We feel so blessed with the three amazing children that God has given us. Cassidy won a leadership award at school and has continued to be a very caring and encouraging girl to her peers. She was in her class Christmas play and played the part of Mary as well as being stage manager. Titus has such a wonderful teacher that has been fueling his creativity. He loves art class. He has been making new friends and is really settling back into life here at RVA. Ella continues to grow, smile, eat, laugh, and delight us all with her accomplishments. Her newest one is sitting on her own.



Mentoring, Cars, and Tenth graders

There are so many other things that we do here at RVA aside from our regular responsibilities of dorm parenting, teaching, and coaching. Todd has been helping with our annual Pinewood Derby. The kids and staff build cars out of wood and race them on a track. Todd's car won third for speed in the men's division this year.

Kylie is mentoring a grade ten girl from Holland. They meet together weekly for Bible Study and prayer. She is also teaching Sunday school. We have a small group of seven tenth grade boys and girls that we meet with three times a term. We look out for them all year and make sure that they are doing well here at RVA. When they come over we play games, visit, and eat. Todd is hoping to continue with his volleyball outreach. He took a break this term as we settled back into life in Kenya and adjusted to having a new baby.

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Conference and Baby Dedication

We began this term break with our annual AIM Conference held at RVA each year. We always look forward to the preaching as it is directed towards adults rather than youth. This year had a big impact on our spiritual lives as has past years. It is neat to look back year to year to see how we have grown and then to take the next step in what God is teaching us.

This conference was especially meaningful as we had Ella dedicated during one of the services. Her name means “light” and we hope that she is a light for Jesus and that her life will brighten others.

We also love meeting the “bush missionaries” during conference. They are truly on the front lines learning difficult languages, living in huts, and experiencing the difficulties of Africa in every way. We had four families and their children stay with us. We would talk late into the night sharing stories from the funny to the sad. One evening we met a Sudanese doctor with an incredible story of survival. We have an amazing God! If only we could live with things in perspective every day and in every way.

Spider bites and “the plague”

This term a virus went around RVA that seemed unstoppable. It was not a plague but felt a little like one with every bed in the infirmary being full of students. Extra mattresses even had to be brought in to accommodate everyone. Todd and Titus experienced it once and poor Cassidy caught it twice. Amazingly, Kylie remained healthy through the whole thing despite staying up many nights with sick dorm girls.

Ella has also remained healthy but just the other day she got a small spider bite that caused her to get violently ill for a couple hours. It was short-lived but it is still upsetting to see your baby not doing that great. We purposely put those things out of our minds because you would go crazy with worry, but it was a good reminder to continue to be cautious.

Northern Kenya and Drivers license test

Todd has been selected to take some students, along with another couple, on an educational trip to northern Kenya in March. He needed to get his bus license in order to drive students. This meant taking a Kenyan driver’s test which has proven to be somewhat amusing. Here is a sampling of questions on the test. See if you could pass a drivers test in Kenya. (Answers at the bottom of the page – We are not making any of this up)

1. How many wheels does a saloon car have?
2. How many eyes has a good driver?
3. At what speed should you drive on a heavy rainy day?
4. What are the rules of a modern town?
5. What if you hit a giraffe while driving a motor vehicle?
6. While driving on a road you come across a tree across the road. What would you do?

Parent sound bites:

“We are truly grateful for your role in our daughters life. You have done a wonderful job as dorm parents. Thank you for imparting and impacting our daughters life with your love and discipline.”

Financial Support

Vehicle, Elections, and Praise

Please continue to pray for the upcoming elections here in Kenya that will take place two days after Christmas. We will be sticking close to home for the couple weeks leading up to them. Pray for a good leader for this country that will honour God with his decisions. There is a big Christian – Muslim factor in this election.

Also pray that we will be able to purchase a vehicle soon. We are about half way to our goal. That excites us but we realize that there is still a ways to go.

Please continue to praise God that we are fully supported and able to work without that being a concern. We realize what a blessing that is when so many missionaries are struggling to get out to the field because of finances.

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