



# RUNNING WITH THE DUBBERS

Dear Friends and Family,

It is exciting to be writing to you from Canada. This was supposed to be a fall newsletter but the beautiful leaves are all gone and a blanket of snow is already on the ground! It has been harder to settle in than we expected but God has been gracious and we are now feeling rested and ready to tackle whatever God has for us this year.



We have to apologize right away for our lack of **communication** since we have been home. It has been a challenge to get our technology set up for multiple reasons. If you have written us and have not received a response, it is likely that we did not receive it. There was also a change in our email address. Please note that our new address is [tkdubber@rva.org](mailto:tkdubber@rva.org). **Please write us back!** We are anxious to hit the road and visit with the family, friends, and churches that have made our past seven years in Kenya possible. **Thank you** from the bottom of our hearts!

## LIFE IN CANADA

We are living in Stettler, Alberta. Many of you may remember that we lived here before we left for Kenya in 2004. We are **house sitting** a two bedroom, fully furnished home that belongs to some friends of ours who are overseas for the year. Isn't God's timing amazing? We are driving a Ford **minivan** that was provided by a man in our church here in Stettler. We do not know why we didn't go with a minivan much sooner - driving is so much more peaceful when we all have more room to spread out in. :) We are attending First Baptist Church in Stettler and the kids are enrolled at Stettler Elementary School.

**Todd** has been coaching volleyball at Stettler High School, substitute teaching, and doing small renova-

tion projects for people in the area.

**Kylie** will be at home for the year and has been enjoying a much slower pace of life from ministry in Kenya. We are both hoping to do some professional development over the next year. Todd attended a P.E. conference in Toronto in October as well as touched base with Africa Inland Mission while he was out east. Kylie also hopes to attend some leadership classes in preparation for our return to Kenya but so far we are unsure where to start looking. Does anyone have some good suggestions?

Cassidy and Titus have settled into school here much quicker and easier than we anticipated. They both have the gift of making friendships quickly.

**Titus** was disappointed to see that there was no rugby at school so during recess he has been teaching some eager kids in his class how to play. Titus is also taking skating lessons. He is hoping to learn quickly so he can join his friends in playing ice hockey - his new love.

**Cassidy** has joined ballet, cross country running, and a cup stacking group in her school. She was also thrilled to receive the gift of horseback riding lessons this summer. She is happy to be in Stettler where horses are plentiful.

**Ella** is attending play school twice a week. She loves it and it has helped to have something that she looks forward to each week. She was excited to see snow for the first time but then was quickly disappointed that snow is so cold. :)

## SHARING WITH YOU

**Rift Valley Academy** is still close to our hearts and the focus of our future. Please continue to pray for the school and the much needed role that it fills for missions in Africa. The longer we are there the more we see how God uses RVA for His glory. We are proud to be a part of such a fantastic ministry. We would love to share with you more about it. If you would like for us to share at your church, small group, or just with you personally - we would love that. Please contact us.

**We are not only passionate about the ministry God has called us to**

but also about His calling in each and every person's life. It is our desire to encourage believers everywhere in the unique, daily, and very real paths that God has called each of us to walk.

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# HOW TO PRAY FOR US!

## PRAY

Please pray that our financial support will continue to come in over the year and into the future. We know it is challenging to keep our financial support at 100% over such a long period of time. We do need some additional supporters at this time so we can return to Kenya August 2011.

Please pray that we will receive some spiritual renewal and encouragement during this year.

Please pray for the different jobs that we have left behind in Kenya – volleyball outreach, volleyball & field hockey programs, and quality PE instruction. More important to us then these though are the relationships with students and people from the community. Pray that we will be able to maintain those relationships despite the distance that is between us.

## PRAISE

Why do we ever worry? God has provided for our needs over and above what we imagined. We praise Him for this house, our vehicle, work for Todd, opportunities for learning, winter clothes for the kids, school supplies, etc – the list goes on and on.

It has been wonderful to spend time with family and friends again. What a huge blessing...and a lot of fun, laughter, and joy!!!

It has been a long time dream of Todd's to replace the worn out gym floor at RVA. Todd and Titus stayed in Kenya two extra weeks to see that dream become reality as funds were donated to the school and Todd oversaw the installation.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

This year we saw our first group of dorm girls graduate. We even had some of them when we were fourth grade dorm parents and then again in grade seven & eight. They are incredibly special to our family. We were sad to see them go but thrilled to have been able to witness growth in all areas of their lives.

Many are now living in the US, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Holland, and many other countries around the world. Please be in prayer for these very unique graduates as they settle into their home countries. Hopefully RVA has done a good job preparing them for their home cultures as well as their post-secondary education.

## OUR FUTURE AT RVA

Being home in Canada has given us time to set goals for our future at RVA. Todd will continue to lead the [physical education department](#). He would love to keep the department current with health and fitness developments around the world as well as foster a life long enjoyment of active living in the students. In addition he wants to continue to use [sport](#) as a tool to reach Kenyan people with the Gospel through fun, relationships, and skill building. We will be looking to see how God will grow this ministry.

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Please visit our websites:

Kylie is currently being mentored into the role of [dean of women](#). She has been lucky to have wonderful leaders around her to learn from and spent six months in the role while the current dean of women was on home assignment. The dean of women oversees all of the girls who are boarding at and attending RVA. It is also an administrative position. Her passion is to see quality dorm parents, open and honest communication with students and staff, and a focus on the heart of the students attending RVA.

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*"THE CRITICAL QUESTION FOR OUR GENERATION—AND FOR EVERY GENERATION—is THIS: IF YOU COULD HAVE HEAVEN, WITH NO SICKNESS, AND WITH ALL THE FRIENDS YOU EVER HAD ON EARTH, AND ALL THE FOOD YOU EVER LIKED, AND ALL THE LEISURE ACTIVITIES YOU EVER ENJOYED, AND ALL THE NATURAL BEAUTIES YOU EVER SAW, ALL THE PHYSICAL PLEASURES YOU EVER TASTED, AND NO HUMAN CONFLICT OR ANY NATURAL DISASTERS, COULD YOU BE SATISFIED WITH HEAVEN, IF CHRIST WERE NOT THERE?"*  
- JOHN PIPER