



MISSIONARIES TO KENYA



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I called home recently and heard that the leaves are changing colors in Ohio. Here near the equator there is no shortage of sun and the seasons are hard to distinguish; it feels like eternal summer. I have been told we have been here for three rainy seasons, yet I can only think of a one-week period I would call "rainy." However, since our last newsletter we have experienced many "symbolic" seasons.

SEASON OF CHANGE

Change seems to be a constant part of the calling, but it was especially true for us as we moved last February. We said goodbye to our friends in Nakor and moved to another village to the north called Kangagetei. We began the process all over again of getting to know people and building friendships. The community has been very welcoming, and we have enjoyed getting to know many of them.

There was an old house here that took some work to get ready to live in. We moved our solar system, hooked up a water supply from the river, and worked through all the other parts of moving in the bush of Africa. This also involved removing the other residents who had grown accustomed to the place: goats, snakes, mice, spiders, ants, etc. Many an evening included the phrase, "What was that?" as some critter would scurry across the floor. This house has been great for us as it has more space and an office/garage for work. The location is also closer to town and more central for ministry.

This season of change also pertained to our website address. We had to change it to www.harrismission.com. Please add it to your favorites and check out the new blog posts and pictures.

SEASON OF VISITORS

In March we had our first visitors from First Christian Church in Springfield, Ohio. They came for four days to see our ministry. We had a goat roast, visited irrigated-gardens, went to night church, and worked with a drilling crew on one of the wells. They also got to sit and visit with church

leaders on multiple occasions. It was a great visit and the days filled quickly. The high point for us was getting to sit and talk in a familiar language about familiar things back home. Their visit was very encouraging and meant a lot to us.

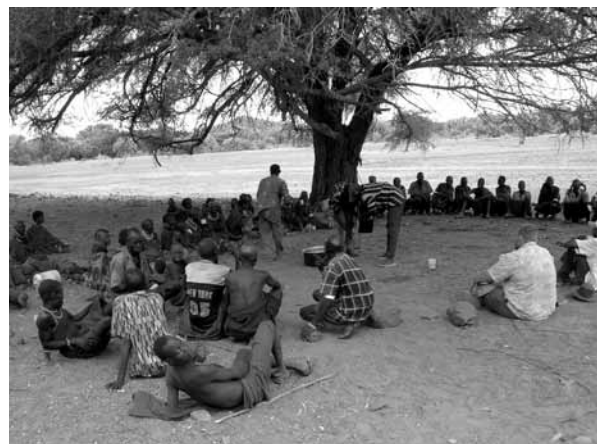
Our families also visited. Kara's mother Nora, her sister Kendra, and future brother-in-law Kyle came in June for two weeks. My parents, Mark and Ruth, came for the month of September. After hearing so much about our life and work here, our families finally got to experience it for themselves. It meant a lot for them to see our ministry firsthand, and they also got to take a safari. It was also great for them to spend time with the boys and Hannah. It was the first time most of them had met Hannah. The kids obviously loved the time with grandparents and were pretty disappointed after each departure to be left with just mom and dad again. It's great to be loved!

SEASON OF PROGRESS

We have also seen a season of progress in ministry. Many times the work here feels like walking uphill in the sand, something we have some experience with. It is rewarding to look back and see that through God's grace there has been steady progress in the struggle.

Due to a generous donation from one of our supporting churches, we were able to put in three irrigated gardens. The gardens provide clean water for the communities as well as food year round for the families who are beneficiaries. The main crops are sorghum and beans, with tomatoes, spinach, peas, and melons on the side. Joseph Akuuta, the church leader in one of the communities, leads a daily Bible study in their garden. This one donation has made an amazing impact in the lives of so many people. A fourth garden will be done soon.

We have been translating teaching materials for the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) program. We have just completed enough to begin teaching leaders and promoting interest



in the program. We have three translators working to complete the rest of the materials as the program develops. Jackson Erus is the church leader who will be teaching with me. We are excited to get started, knowing that this material can have a major impact in the lives of individuals, thereby impacting their communities. The first Vision Seminar to introduce the program and search for interested leaders will be held this month.



We have also been working to put together a child sponsorship program. We hope to enable

more children to get a quality education while also addressing their spiritual, medical, and nutritional needs. Currently there are very few schools in the nearly 40 communities where we have churches, with only a small number of students going on to the high school. When needs are assessed in our communities, education is always near the top of the list.

SEASON OF COMFORT

I doubt you expected this one! However, I have experienced great comfort in getting more involved in teaching again. It is a great comfort to be working in the gifting God has given me. After so much time spent as the learner trying to figure out so many new things, it has been nice to be back in the role of teacher. Most of my teaching has been with local church leaders and

the evangelists preparing to move to open a new area of ministry. I have found so many of the leaders are hungry to learn more and are excited by the knowledge.

We hope this newsletter finds you in a season of blessing as well. Let us together praise God from whom all blessings flow, both in times of abundance and need.

Kitopia Akuj (God Bless),


Chad Harris

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

- Rain in Turkana. It last rained in Kangagetei in February.
- Church leaders to catch a vision for CHE and realize the great impact it can help them have.
- Development of the child sponsorship program. It is a large undertaking as well as a great opportunity.
- The health of our family. One of the five of us always seems to be sick and it has been exhausting.

PLEASE PRAISE GOD WITH US FOR:


- Two men chosen by the local churches to be trained and move north to the village of Nabwel Ekorot to be evangelists and church planters.
- Nearly 50 people made confessions of faith and were baptized during our second evangelistic trip to Nabwel Ekorot.
- The hundreds of people who now drink clean water and eat nutritious food every day from the irrigated gardens.
- Hannah's first birthday on September 24. She is a true MK: she lived in four houses for at least a month, flew before she walked, and hears multiple languages spoken in her home.
- Our time with visitors was great and a huge blessing to our family.



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