



missionaries to kenya



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Greetings Friends, Family, and Partners in Ministry!

“If you don’t have a strong heart, don’t go out of your house.” –cab driver in Cairo, Egypt

Twenty-three years ago, we left our “house” and came to Kenya. What we have experienced wasn’t necessarily printed on the glossy brochure! God, in His magnificence, has grown us and the ministries we have been a part of. The CMF team and the national Community Christian Church deal with challenges and rejoice over churches now planted in Mombasa, Samburu, and Nairobi. Our hearts can only be strong because of God’s promises to us.

Kampala, Uganda, recently had uprisings due to increased cost of living and low income. Police checks, tear gas, tension added to travel dynamics as we met for a Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills workshop with 25 people. Yet out of the week came rewarding results – a young Kenyan man stated he attended the workshop to learn how to care for people better. That happened, but he was also

“renewed as a person; took time to reflect on my relationship with Christ and the opportunity He has given me to serve and care for others.” This young man had a strong heart and got out of the house ...

The Swensons, our daughter-in-law’s parents, got out of their house and came to see Kenya. Not only did their horizons expand by seeing where Josiah grew up, they tasted sweet fellowship with our Maasai friends, rejoicing in that we will share eternity together.

Our family of 8 had strong hearts by meeting in Egypt to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary early and have time together. We arrived 4 days after the final crowd of people was removed from Tahrir Square in Cairo following the revolution. The time was packed with experiencing Egyptian life and the dynamic of rich history, recent making of history, and good Crum fun.

We were going to host, as MMCT-EA, a SYIS workshop in Tanzania but postponed due to low registrations. Instead, we organized the first member care networking



CCC leaders.



SYIS workshop in Uganda.

tea with 40 people attending from various organizations – Western- and African-led. This month we will hold the third tea talking about suffering and risk in the context of caring for one another. Strong hearts meant not giving up in developing this ministry of member care.



February Networking Tea.

Miton is an area of Maasailand in Kajiado District. After the community needs meeting, Dan and John Keshe, overseeing the water project for the team, identified water as being the number one need/problem with the lack of schools and a nearby clinic being next. The nearest safe drinking water is up to 4 miles away. Strong hearts are seeking help, and ideas are being formulated as to how to develop a plan for meeting this need.

“Be strong, all you people still left in the land.... My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.”
Haggai 2:4,5 NLT

Praise God for the “new” house we moved into in May.

Pray for:

- safe water projects developing among the Maasai,
- the continued development of MMCT-EA,
- and Chris and Sarah’s second child to be born mid-September!

Dan & Connie

Dan and Connie Crum



Swensons visiting Salepus.



Water source at Miton – green water.

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