

HOLDING PLANS LOOSELY

It has been a while since our family has updated you. We always struggle in explaining what God is doing in a newsletter. It's always too big for our words and we could talk all day and not have enough time. So here are just a few of the bullet points.

THE FEEDING PROGRAM

We have been asked to join hands with our long-time friends and fellow servants Paul and Debbie so that we could feed more children. In less than two weeks we were able to raise the monthly support to feed 500 orphaned children every Saturday and 100 children during the week. A hot meal may seem a small thing, but in this village of Utange, it will be the only meal for the majority of the children.

We continue to have over 400 children join us during this time for worship, Bible study, games, prayer and then finish with a hot meal and a bag of maize flour to take home to their family.

So many of these children (many of whom are from Muslim homes are hungry for the Word.) We are overwhelmed to think how God has entrusted us to be a part of planting these tiny seeds. We don't see tiny seeds but giant trees in the making.

Isaiah 61:3 They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord For the display of His splendor.

WATER WELL

The Dream Center is in the process of digging a 100 ft water well. (Having a few hiccups as the bottom is hitting rock). This will be a huge blessing for the community who have to carry their water a long distance. This will be a free service and refreshing change that will provide a long drink of clean water for the community and the 500 club children as well.

OUR GARDEN

Our garden is growing bountifully with all types of greens, tomatoes, bell peppers, spinach and lots of herbs etc. Our mango tree, bananas, berries and coconut trees are thriving as well. It is one of my (Tammy) favorite places. I love to walk barefoot and touch all the leaves, smelling lavender, rosemary and mint. Wayne loves to work in the garden with the kids, teaching lessons as He goes and talking to all the people walking down the dirt road that is next to the garden. Haven's favorite part of the garden is watering with her new found friends.

2nd Corinthians 9:6

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully reap bountifully.

GENTLY LED NEW MOTHERS CLASS

This class has exploded with new mothers. The first week we put the list out we had to stop it at 70. These pregnant or new moms from all religions came along with their infants. Many moms came for the baby care package (mosquito net, cloth diapers, baby blanket, onesies, knitted hat, and maize flour), but they left with so much more than that. It was an all-day teaching with worship, education on Godly parenting, and mother and babies' health issues.

Out of tragedy, baby health education has become a new commitment to the Dream Center. This month alone two baby girls that we know have died from lack of mother's education (one from dehydration and another from a home tonsillectomy). We are heartbroken but will use this as a tool for our determination to bring change through education.

EMBROIDERY CLASS

Many of the young women in our Dream Center Community have been asking for classes to teach them a skill that will help them earn an income that will provide for their families. We have chosen 6 women (all with babies but also a huge desire to learn and work hard.) Embroidery is something they won't need a lot of expensive supplies to begin on their own. We may try crocheting as well. We will see what God shows us.

We hope to also start a woodworking class for the men and boys.

OUR FAMILY

We are currently visiting Stateside and the plan is to return in January. This would give us time with our family and time to catch up on some medical issues that we have been pushing aside for years. But we are not happy to share with you that Wayne's surgery has been pushed back till end of January with 6-week recovery. We trust God's hand and timing but continue to pray He would make a way sooner. If we have learned anything these past years it's to hold our plans loosely and to do the next thing.

"Sometimes life is so hard you can only do the next thing, whatever that is, just do the next thing, God will meet you there" Elizebeth Elliot

We are thankful that God has provided the most wonderful volunteers and employees to continue leading the Dream Center while we are gone. We wish you could meet each one of these jewels God has surely brought to the Dream Center.

We also pray God will provide more volunteers(interns) to assist in teaching Reading, English, and helping with all the programs. Must be able to eat rice and beans 5 days a week, love hot weather, and days without electricity. Lol... but not kidding.

When we return probably in March unless God intervenes, with health stuff, we would like to bring back belated Christmas presents for the Dream Center. We have a link below if you and your family would like to participate as part of your Christmas giving.

CLICK LINK BELOW TO SHOP FOR DREAM CENTER

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2PTH2GA5T44MO/guest-view>

We know everything we have been given comes from the hand of God ...including you! Thank you for the everlasting deposit you have made to nourish the hungry, mend hearts and propel the gospel into so many hearts in Mombasa, Kenya.

Thank you for joining us on our journey. We hope you will enjoy the video we have created for you: <https://youtu.be/yEld0iRI-84>

Merry Christmas. With Love, Wayne Tammy and Haven

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