

“I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God for
the salvation of everyone who
believes” **Romans 1:16**

Lori Ogle in Africa

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Praise...Prayer Points and Opportunities

- † Praise God for all of the open doors and new opportunities!
- † Praise him for each of you for your support and prayers!
- † Pray for those in Kenyan Leadership positions that they will seek God's wisdom to guide them through this time of healing.
- † Pray that we will be able to visit the inmates again soon.
- † Please pray for my Step-Dad's health as he recovers from heart surgery.

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Praise God that a peace treaty was signed and that most Kenyans seem to be resuming their normal activities! It will be a process before all issues have been smoothed over, but at least both political parties are working together.

As a result of this national crisis, all visitations were suspended

So, I decided to make lemonade!

to all prisons at the end of January. In fact, we have not been able to minister to the inmates at all this year because of the insecurities. So as the old saying goes...when life throws you lemons...make lemonade!

I met with Head Chaplain Joyce Mutuku to inquire about other ministry opportunities. In short, I am now leading a Bible study with the Chaplain and her four Spiritual Workers every Wednesday afternoon. I've also began a Bible study with the prison staff; most live on the prison

grounds. This study meets every Sunday morning at 9 AM for 1 ½ hours after which I go to my church. As they are the people who spend the most time with the inmates I saw a need to encourage them! We are using our Bibles and some material from the Navigators. I'm also leading a children's ministry once a month at the prison's nursery school where the staff & inmate children learn up to the age of four. I thank God for opening these doors and being able to maintain a presence in the prison grounds even though we can't go to the inmates just yet.



Waiting for the Supplies We Bought

I'm also grateful that Jesus opened doors to volunteer at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps. I have been blessed to as-

sist at two different camps but the majority of my time has been at the Waithika IDP Camp. The IDP originated as safe havens for those whose homes were burnt or whose lives have been threatened and/or beaten. These are people who fled to local government official offices and became squatters on the land with nowhere else to go. They left home with the clothes on their backs and only a few belongings, if any. Neither the government nor the Red Cross has done much in way of providing for the many needs at these camps or making arrangements for these people to settle elsewhere.

At Waithika there are approximately 300 people living in this makeshift camp. As a volunteer (alongside the National Alliance of Churches staff), I learned about the camp's most pressing needs. I am grateful for those who donated funds so I was able to provide some much needed items for these displaced people (300+ toothbrushes and tooth paste, couple hundred sanitary pads, soap, toilet paper, 50 kilos of beans and the like). In addition to bringing supplies, my roommate Susan and I have gone once or twice a week to play with the young children and to talk with some of the women in hopes of sharing about Jesus. However, on the latter, most of the people at the camp have a single focus..."can you get me a new home?"...which is really the responsibility of the gov-

ernment. There are still a few IDP camps in existence, but the government is now beginning to relocate these people though the pace is slow. Please pray for them as settlement begins in new areas that each person will adjust quickly and lean on the Lord for their direction.

Since there is a sense of normalcy, we, the Prison Ministry Team are working with the Reverend in Kenya's Prison Commission Office so that we may be able to resume ministry with the inmates. Please pray that this will be resolved quickly and that we can re-enter the

had in mind. This isn't the only thing that expanded,- I have also learned more about myself as I went through those "new doors" and out of my comfort zone. I find great joy in "going deeper" in my relationship with the Lord and I learned that I really enjoy helping others dig deeper into His never-ending truths! Through

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this process we all learn from each other because we are using the Bible as our main handbook – which truly is the LIVING, ACTIVE WORD of GOD!

I thank you for your continued support and prayers! I also thank all the Saints before us who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write this wonderful book of knowledge for us! I pray that you find hidden treasures revealed every time you read God's Word!

*Seeking His Truth,
Lori*



Toothbrushes Received



IDP Camp Kitchen



Kids Tickling Me



Jamhuri Face Painting

inmate areas soon.

I have to admit when I returned to Kenya in January I had a certain vision of what I'd be doing and how the prison ministry could expand because at that time visitations weren't cancelled. Well, the prison ministry certainly expanded just - not in the way I had imagined, but apparently this was what Jesus



Storytelling at Prison Nursery School