



Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. John 15:4

*Susan Overton
in Kenya*

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PRAYER REQUESTS & Support Needs

- Please Pray for the continued protection & safety for Cathy, Lori and myself while at home & in the car.
- Pray for continued opportunities to work with the Teens of the church and in the community of Karen.
- Pray for my monthly support... At this time I only half of my-monthly support and would certainly appreciate your partnering with me in my ministry.

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Hello everyone,

I trust you are all fine. I am doing great as I slip into my second month here. Learning to live in another country has definitely had its share of challenges and sometimes can be quiet frustrating however I am so grateful for this wonderful experience and I am very happy to be here.

Two words keep repeating themselves. **RELAX & PATIENCE** as God continues to reveal himself to me he has given me this verse. Isn't Gods word great, how He meets us where we are in life?

Matthew 6:33-34, Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

My first month here has been about meeting the teens and getting to know the people at the Karen Vineyard Church learning to network and be on my own. However that process has been slower than I would have liked. I learned quickly that kids are kids no matter what culture your in and they take time to warm up. They did not seem to share in my enthusiasm at the beginning, although if you asked them, they all wanted a Youth Group. No one wanted to be the 1st to get involved. I was very frustrated and even wanted to call it quits on some



Me and my kids

days and just go home. But as I continued to look to God for his guidance he gave me the strength I needed to persevere. Things are still a work in progress here and the teens are coming around, starting to get more involved. That makes me excited again! Last Sunday I had several more girls show up and some new boys I have never





still continue to grow. Well Praise God, I am now working with four people dedi-



Fiona, Me and Johnny, Some of the Leadership Team

seen before so word is out and the youth group is starting to grow.

Right now every other Sunday we have a pizza party and games or activities for them as it is just a time to get to know each other. I must share this one story however. Last Sunday I had put together a scavenger hunt for them.....well let me just say the scavenger hunt turned in my face as I now had to find all the items I just hid. A guard on the church property went around and collected most of my things and took them to a lost and found room where they were locked up. The kids still had fun and they wanted to continue the game so we just told them to find the hidden object although it was no longer there. Thank goodness I was able to get back all the hidden things as they were borrowed from my roommate. Lesson learned unless your on a private compound, like someones house there will be no more scavenger hunts.

I am also in the process of starting a Teen Home Group. A place to meet with the teens in a home setting every other week where we can learn how to study the Bible together and discuss different Biblical topics that are applicable to them as a teenagers. I also learned of 5 teenage girls who live at Toad Hall which is a boarding school across from the Church. They attend our church and are interested in joining in more activities. Since they live in a boarding school their activities off campus are limited. Which led me to talk with the House Mistress of the school, (like a Dean) and we have been invited to start a bible study there too. We should be starting that in the next few weeks.

One of my goals as I am here is to build a Youth Leadership Team so when I leave in December the teen group will

cated to help influence teenagers with the Word of God. Including myself their are 4 women and 1 man in the group. Thank goodness for him, since we have such a high number of boys, we welcomed him gladly!

As some of you know my roommate and I have been working with a lady named Margaret who has been doing a tremendous work helping displaced families since the horrible rioting in December. There was a temporary refugee camp set



Lori, Margaret, Cathy, and Me

up with more than 2000 families still trying to put a meaning to all this violence after being pushed from their homes. We



Refugee Camp

were able to go in and donate our time as well as some supplies. That was an incred-



Children from the Refugee Camp.



A neat picture of a lady from the refugee camp. The wheelbarrow is all she owns

ible opportunity and we are still working with Margaret to assess the needs and how to help.

And last I would like to leave you with this word....BUBBLES! Yes, I did say bubbles. Lori (my roommate) and myself are also sharing our time with

The classroom where we teach 3-5 yr. olds at Langata Prison



The children in the classroom

about 35 small children ages 3 -5 years old at the Prison where Lori ministers. The children belong to the working staff and inmates at Langata Prison. We decided to spend a few hours a month with these children teaching them about Jesus and playing with them. That is where the 'bubbles' come in. It was so touching to see such excitement from blowing bubbles, they had never seen them before! We had so much fun playing with the children and hope to dedicate more time to them, but for now we have committed to once a month.

Thank you for your prayers, support and interest in my ministry,

*Serving the Lord,
Susan*