

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

✠ Praise God for the opportunities I've had to build a Bible study and encourage my teen group at Toad Hall before they leave for college. Please pray for more teens this fall.

✠ Praise God for the "Group with No Name" and the relationships built.

✠ Please continue to pray for God's guidance and leading in my life and new ways to reach out to these teens!

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Hello everyone,

Here we are again, I hope each of you are well. I am good and have so much to share this month so let me get started.

*The Group with
No Name*

There has been a lot of construction in the place where our church meets over the past several months, therefore the children's classrooms have been moved around. However on one Sunday, they had nowhere to move the smaller children (ages 5-10 years old) so I was asked if my teens could come up with

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something combining everyone together. I have to say I was a little stumped on what to do with the younger kids, however my teens came through for me and they were amazing. They really took the lead and came up with songs to sing with them, and one of my teens shared a little about how Jesus lives in our hearts! It was a very proud moment for me to see my teens step up to

the challenge and help out on that Sunday. We also played a new version of "duck-duck-goose" with the smaller kids and it went like this... mosquito-mosquito-malaria! It was a great time!

We also had another fabulous girls slumber party this month and this time we were able to get a karaoke



Me and My Girls

machine! I'm not sure who had more fun, me or them. We sang a variety of songs and I do mean variety as I tortured them with some great old 80's. I must confess I sang "Eye of the tiger" about 4 times. It



Singing to the 80's

was a blast! Surprisingly though my

girls and I did some duos to other 80's songs and, I was shocked they knew so many of them. I really did



...forgot to mention you had to dress up as something

not 'hog' the mic the entire night. They sang a lot of their own songs too. Since this was also a farewell party for 2 of the girls, the next day after breakfast we spent some time discussing how important it is to keep God's Word close to your heart and looked at different ways of doing that. We ended with a time of prayer and then I went home and finally slept!

The race is on! I had planned an afternoon of go-karting with my teens one Saturday which ended up being just me and about six boys. Not



Go-Karting

sure what happened to all my girls, apparently they were still recuperating from the sleep over the weekend before. It turned out to be a great day for a little friendly competition between me and the boys! I knew if

I didn't beat them they would never let me live it down. They enjoyed laughing and carrying on how they could beat me. However thirteen minutes, thirty-four seconds and 14 laps later I came in second! It was a sweet victory! They want a rematch because they said they had slow cars. I say let's go!

Teen Home Group

Things seem to be slowing down and changing for the summer months. Most families go on holiday between July and August, so I've lost several of my teens for the summer months. However this gives me the opportunity to hang out on a one to one basis with some of the others and get to know them a little better. I think through the summer my home group will probably be only me and one other girl (Sheila) meeting. I'm excited about this time with her and hope I can encourage her faith and relationship with God to grow before she leaves for England next year after she finishes school. Sheila and I are going to look at women in the Bible starting with Ruth.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

When I was preparing to leave Seattle this past January I heard God ask me 'Will you give me everything?' When I said 'yes' to that I don't think I completely understood what that would exactly entail. Not only was I giving up my house, car

and my dog, etc.. I learned that there was more God wanted from me: He wants me to trust him with all my

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hopes and fears as well. This has not been easy for me. In fact, I have recently been informed of the layoffs taking place with Continental Airlines and my finances still seem to be a struggle, but when you finally get to that place and surrender everything to God, He will fill you with a joy and peace which you can't understand. That is where I seem to be right now. Things are difficult and I feel a bit like "gummy" (being stretched in my faith) but I'm learning that God is waiting for me to say "I can't make it on my own" and that He is right there to pick up the pieces in my life and put me back together.

I am still in need of a few people to commit for the next five months to a \$25.00-\$50.00 per month donation. If you would like to start partnering with me in this ministry, now is a good time to give and it would be much appreciated! Thank you for your prayers and for those who are donating!

*Serving the Lord,
Susan*