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PRAYER REQUESTS & Support Needs

- Please Pray for the continued protection & safety while at home and in the car.
- Pray for continued opportunities to work with the Teens of the church and in the community.
- •Pray for my monthly support... I am still below my monthly needs and would certainly appreciate your partnering with me in my ministry.

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Hello everyone, I hope all is well with each of you. As I

I hope all is well with each of you. write this newsletter I am amazed I have reached my half-way mark! Some days, I definitely had my doubts I'd make it here this long, but with God's grace I have. It has been a whirlwind from the start and at times I still can't believe I'm here...in Africa...in Kenya! What a privilege it's been to be here and work with such wonderful teens. I look forward to the next several months with them, although I am still

challenged by such a different culture. Most of all I am so grateful for all God has done for me and is continuing to do in me as I learn to trust in Him more.

The Group with No Name

Each month I am planning something addition to the regular pizza parties we have every other Sunday. I am planning something that all of us can do together and hang out, play...just have fun! For May it was Brackenhust...this trip will be tough to top. Brackenhurst Adventures is a Baptist owned facility that uses experiential learning through adventure to build relationships and encourage change. Some of the activities were a low & high element ropes course, an indoor rock climbing room, a climbing tower, and off site adven-

tures, such as rock climbing and hiking. My all-time favorite was the catwalk



Brackenhurst

which you had to climb what looked like a telephone pole with small pegs in it for your footing. After climbing about 150 feet up, you walk across a



Preparing for high rope



Laura climbing to catwalk



Ground crew holding cords for catwalk

rope pulling yourself by other hanging

ropes. Once you reach the other side you pull yourself back to the middle, grab another rope and with your harness swing down. The rock climbing was also a blast as we all enjoyed trying the different levels. Some of the walls were inverted, which made it very difficult to climb (I tried but could not make that one). I was able to climb the intermediate one with help from one of the Brackenhurst staff telling me where to place my feet. I know that sounds like cheating but I did all the climbing and pulling myself to the top; they just told me where to

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step. Hey... I couldn't have all my teens showing me up! We had such a blast and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Needless to say we were all very tired at the end of the of the day..... mission accomplished! The next day before going home we all got together and had an amazing time of worship. It is so wonderful to see the hearts of these teens praising the Lord! After worship we had a time of prayer and some of the older teens were praying with the younger one. I can not tell you how blessed I am to be apart of such a great teen group eager to learn about God!

Toad Hall

School's out and time for graduations! What an exciting time as some of these young girls are going off to Universities. I must confess I am sad to say good-bye



Teens at Toad Hall

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to them. They are amazing girls and we had so much fun talking and hanging out once a week over the last several months discussing different topics in the Bible. I felt so privileged as some of the girls have really opened up and shared how God has changed their lives. I was also thrilled with the opportunity of praying with one girl about a family situation. It was so awesome to watch God work things out for her. She had text messaged me one evening as said "thanks for praying with me, God worked it out". I wish them the best and will miss each of them! Fortunately, a couple of months ago, I had several new girls joining that are not graduating so we'll resume in August when school starts again. I will look forward to that and pray for even more girls to join!

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Teen home group is also slowing down as many schools break between terms and families go on holiday. I know for sure that I'll be losing two girls as their families prepare to leave Kenya. One of the girls is moving to a small town in North Carolina and the other girls is moving to Switzerland.humm I think I'd rather go

to Switzerland. But I also wish them the best and will be having a good-bye slumber party for them at the end of this month. Now wish me luck...remember our last slumber party, we only got about 3 hours of sleep! Anyway, I



My teen home group

will continue to meet with whoever is still around. Right now I believe that will be one girl, but she said she really enjoyed hanging out and discussing the Bible. So if I only have one girl....one girl it is! Precious is a life changed for Christ.

I would like to say thank you for all your support – both financially or through prayer. The past few months have been very stressful. Many times I wasn't sure how I would pay my bills or if I'd even make it through June, but God is faithful! I am now even more convinced it was by His leading that I'm here and He will continue to supply my needs as I wait upon Him. Thank you for being apart of this amazing ministry!

Serving the Lord, Susan