

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS & Support Needs

- Please Pray for the continued protection & safety for Cathy, Lori and myself in our new apartment & in the car.
- Pray for the “Group with No Name” and my Toad Hall ministry as they continue to grow and develop.
- Pray for my monthly support... If I do not increase my support, I will have to return home early. My support is currently less than my monthly cost of living. I am praying for God’s will to be done in this matter and hope to stay here until November.

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Hello everyone,

I hope April was a good month for all of you. For me it blew by as it was an incredibly busy month! Teens.... they will definitely keep you busy.

The Group with No Name

April 4th we had our 1st girls slumber party which turned out fabulous. The evening began with 13 girls and me trying to create master pieces of jewelry. I will most likely not have a career as a jeweler, but had a lot of fun

trying! I bought a bunch of beautiful beads and all the accessories to make necklaces, bracelets, keychains..etc which turned out to be a huge success. Thankfully a few of the girls actually knew what they were doing and taught the rest of us. Some of the girls created very cool pieces. In fact I even had them make me several key chains as door prizes for a bridal shower I was hosting the next day. We ate tons of junk food, played games and watched movies into the wee hours of the morning and had a great time. We finally went to sleep around 4 am only to get up at 7 am to make breakfast together after which the parents came to pick up



their kids. I was exhausted and then had to run home and help prepare our house for a bridal shower that Lori and I were giving for our flat mate, Cathy. In addition to that I taught the teens Sunday morning.

I barely made it through that weekend and the girls were already asking when we can do another sleep over. We will definitely have another one but next time I will make sure to clear my schedule out so I can sleep the next day.... They wore me out!

The following weekend I planned a paintball trip for everyone, and I do mean trip. It was about a 1 hour drive each way on what some would not consider to even be a road. I booked this event in advance for about 20 people to play at 1 pm followed by a lunch to be served at 2 pm. I had the kids dropped off at the church by 12 pm and advised all the parents to pick up their kids by 4pm as I thought that would have been plenty of time. Only, I forgot that here in Kenya time means nothing. Three car loads and 1 hour later we arrived to play paintball to find they were so unorganized and unprepared for us that we did not start playing until almost 3pm. Thankfully I had 3 other youth leaders with me because the kids became very restless waiting to play. So, we played games amongst ourselves and tried to keep them entertained. When we did finally get to play paintball we all had a blast! That was my 1st time playing and I only got shot a few times, it's definitely something I would do again.

My teen home group is going very well except this will be the 3rd time we have switched houses to meet in. Trying to find a house centrally located for most of the teens has been a chore up until now. I lived in the country, so other people in the church had offered their houses. Now that I have moved into my new apartment back in the city it should be a good central point to meet. I am very happy about this arrangement because I have

been driving to the other end of town to make this work and the traffic here is terrible. So now I will be hosting the teen group in my apartment every other Wednesday.

The Boarding School

The high school girls I meet with at Toad Hall have been an absolute pleasure to study the Bible with. We meet every Monday for 1 hour. However, we always go over time discussing different topics of religion, Jesus and the Bible...etc. Among the mix of girls there are a number that don't really know Jesus to some that have a great foundation of Jesus and the Word of God. It's great to see the stronger ones helping the newer ones as they have questions. They are such a wonderful group of girls and they have really blessed me in just the short time I've been with them.

Moving Again...

Oh, the joys of moving. In case you don't already, know let me share with you that I have moved. It was a little more sudden than we expected. Cathy (our 3rd flat mate) had planned to move back to the US and Lori and I were looking for another roommate to share the house with. When we were not successful in finding a roommate we thought we might be OK with just the two of us. However since my support is low and I get my financial statements monthly, we realized at the end of April that I could not pull my end of the rent. We were expected to pay 3 months rent at time and tried to

talk to the owners of the house to see if we could pay monthly, but they were unwilling to work with us. So we had to make a quick decision and immediately

began the search for a safe and affordable apartment. Within a few days we were packed and moved into our new place. It was a very stressful time for all of us with so many changes but God is faithful and helped us get through. Things seem to be settling down now and I think this will be a good, safe apartment for Lori and I to

share. It's nice being in the city and being able to walk around, best of all



my favorite Ethiopian Restaurant is about 2 blocks away!

Needless to say, yet necessary, please if you made a commitment of monthly support or would like to partner 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