

*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 a youth leader to come forward and for me to be able to start the transition to someone else.
- ✠ Please pray for my finances as they are very low again.
- ✠ Please pray for my junior high group to continue to grow and now for a senior high group to develop

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## *Hello everyone,*

I hope things are going well with each of you. I'm doing great even though I'm facing another major change. When I first moved to Nairobi in January I moved into a house with two other flat mates. In May one of them got engaged and moved back to the States, so Lori and I moved into a smaller apartment. Now Lori is also returning to the States after living in Kenya for almost five years, which means... another move for me. I will be moving into something yet smaller and more affordable, so please pray for things to go smoothly as moves here are not exactly the same as in the US since we don't have U-Hauls and reliable moving companies.

## *The Group with No Name*

Well, all of my teens are back from holiday and settling in for another school year. It's great to have them all back as I've missed them!

Planing and coordinating events in Nairobi never seem to go as planned and that's the only thing you can count on! The first time I took the teens to

play paintball in April it was a major ordeal. If you remember from my previous newsletter, we had to wait several hours to play and nothing was ready for us, even with all the irritations and delays we still had a great time and decided to give it another try. So I called the owner of the paintball facility and arranged for myself and 15 teens to play on a specific Saturday in August. The owner had remembered us from last time and explained that he was sorry and it wouldn't happen again. I even reconfirmed our group a few days before playing and again was assured everything would be taken care of. We were taken care of all right... NO ONE was around or on the property when we arrived to play, the entire place was locked up and abandoned. I was told later when I reached the owner they forgot that we were coming. Needless to say we were all very disappointed but still managed to have a great picnic out there before our long drive back. I think my teens and I are done with paintball!

## *Sunday Teaching*

My teens and I have just finished a four week series on 'Spreading the Good News'. Each Sunday we've been looking at different ways and opportunities God gives us to share the gospel and how sometimes God expects us to go beyond our comfort zone. Some

of the people we've looked at in the Bible were: Stephen (in Acts) and how he was persecuted for his faith; Saul (re-named later as Paul) who God did an extreme make over in his life by using Ananias to witness to him and how Barnabas believed that Saul had changed when no one else did.



*Jack, one of my teens reading the Bible*

We were able to discuss the importance of reading the Word and the importance of knowing God's voice. It was a really successful series and I was so excited to see them get involved in



*Praying with the teens*

group discussions. Which led some of my teens to ask questions like, 'how do you read the Bible, where do you start?' Since then, I've purchased for each teen a one year devotional titled 'Bread for the Journey' by Selwyn Hughes. Again I was so excited when each teen took one with enthusiasm. Please pray for them as they learn to explore God's Word on their own.

## *Teen Worship*

I feel it's important to let the teens express their own worship among their own peers, so I and another leader in the church have recently teamed together to try and form a 'teen worship band.' This has been a desire of mine since I got here but if any one knows me, then you know how musically talented I'm not... I've been working on this for months and now I am thrilled that the worship leader is helping me



*Pizza party with the teens*

now. I am confident with his skills and knowledge he will be able to help me put together a youth band. However I'm certain this will not happen right away. Just as everything with teens, no one wants to be the first teen to come forward and admit they have musical talent, somehow they've all gone shy on me again! I know between the older teens and a few of the teens there is enough musical talent so please pray about this with me.

## *Senior High Group*

Lastly I'd like to update you on another need that I have noticed. The senior

high teens have been coming out of the wood work the past few months and snooping around to see if there is any groups for them. The problem is there is not enough committed youth lead-



*Florah my teen*

ers in order to have these two groups. There is a real need for a junior high as well as a senior high group and that is another one of my prayer requests. Also please pray as I start to transition myself out, that someone with a heart and passion will come forth and continue to build these groups.

*Serving the Lord,  
Susan*