

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 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 hope things are well with each of you. I can't believe it's already time to send out another newsletter, actually I can't believe it is already April! The days go by so fast here.

I am pleased to say that things are progressing very well with my teen group. They call themselves "The Group with No Name." They came up with that



"The Group with No Name"

name before I arrived and have decided to keep it. The name actually fits them quite well as they are unique as their name. So, when you hear me refer to "the group with no name", you will know I am talking about my teen group from church. They are a great group of kids and I have really enjoyed spending time with them and getting to know each of their personalities.

It's funny, in the beginning

I was so intimidated by the large number of boys to girls ratio. However now, I don't see much difference in working with them, I enjoy them as much as I do the girls. Exciting news to report about the girls! We have steadily increased the girl ratio to about 6 - 8 girls now! The girls have a long way to go before we even the numbers but it is so exciting to see new faces that are constantly showing up!

I ask you, how much pizza can a person eat? No, this is not a trick question! Because it is fairly cheap and easy, we have ordered it for every teen get together that we have had. Well, last Sunday I just could not fathom eating another pizza again, so we decided to have a "braai" that is the British/Kenyan way to say BBQ! Johnny another youth leader, helped me by bringing his grill and did all the cooking. It turned out GREAT and we



Johnny at the Grill

Me and Johnny

all had fun just mingling around and hanging out. I was supposed to bring a boom box so we could have some music to listen to as well. I did, I just forgot to bring the CD's. That was probably just as well since we also had a huge water fight and the CD player may not have made it through. The water fight was planned, I had no idea the boys would come up with so many other ways to continue after the 200 water balloons were done! It was GREAT fun and I definitely won the prize for being the most soaked! They creamed me!



Just Hang'n Out



Girls Against the Boys...



We finally got him!!!

Friday April 4th I am very excited to have our 1st girls slumber

party! I am getting some fun glass beads and other neat types of beads for making jewelry. I have met a Kenyan woman who makes her own jewelry and can get the beads for me at the market place. She will be able to bargain much better than me and knows a good price to pay. So what a blessing to have her help with that! The girls are looking forward to making their own jewelry. I am looking forward to hanging out and having fun with them this Friday!

I am pleased to announce the beginning of April a Bible study with the High School girls who live at Toad Hall (the boarding school across from our church). I officially start Monday the 7th and will continue every Monday. They initially said 'yes' I can have a Bible study in the school and then with further investigation they seem to have changed their minds because it is a secular school they said it would not work. However with much prayer and persistence I finally got an OK from the school. Yeah! Praise the Lord! I am looking forward to this new opportunity.

I am also very please to tell you all that with God's help I have successfully begun a home group! It is small but I am encouraged they will grow! Rome wasn't built in a day either! Every other Wednesday the teens and I are getting together and learning to study the bible. We are currently looking at 1 Corinthians and how to apply the scripture to them personally. We are also able to talk about other issues they are dealing with and I am really getting to know them. I love meeting with them as it is a great time for them to open up and share about themselves. I think it is a real advantage that the group meets in a home: - its much more conducive for building

relationships. I am especially excited about this because I had so many people tell me it would not work. Transportation here is a bit difficult and most people do not want to drive at night. I also had people complain about the location of the home group and could not seem to have any agreement on a day of the week to have it. So I just took the ball and ran! I really had a strong desire to build a teen home group because they have never had a home group just for the teens before. I think it is important to reach out to them on their level and deal with issues that are real for them. Since I've started I have had several people applaud my efforts and are coming forward to help and have even offered to open their homes if it would work out better for the teens. Sometimes I guess people can't always see the big picture at first!

I would just like to keep you posted on the feeling here in Nairobi since the Powersharing agreement came into affect. I would not say that Kenya is at peace as the wounds of this country run very deep. There is a quietness and calmness which is good but by no means are they out of the woods. I feel this will take many years to have this country fully come to peace! Thank you all for your prayers for my safety and for the country of Kenya, please continue to pray as sporadic violence is still happening and can spark back up at anytime.

I am very excited for the next time I write, as I will have even more new things to share. Thanks for all your prayers.

Serving the Lord,

Susan Overton