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Dear Pastor and Church family:

MK Camp



The first week of August, Crystal and I were invited to be counselors at a Missionary Kid camp that was hosted by a veteran missionary. This camp has been in existence since the early 1990's and run by missionaries for the purpose of having an American-style camp for missionary kids who spend the rest of the year immersed in Kenyan culture. This was the second year that I was able to teach classes on Tuesday through Thursday. All teachers of classes during the week were former MK's in Kenya. It is certainly a special time as no one understands Kenya MK's like former Kenya MK's. We were grateful to have a part in investing in the lives of missionary kids.

Kenya's Presidential Election

On the 9th of August, Kenya held their general elections. Historically, election years are pretty tense. At any given location and with little notice, campaign organizers can often call for parades supporting their candidate. During this time, missionaries must exercise caution as we go about our various areas; or we can unwittingly become caught up in a rally that turns violent.

Until the last day of elections, the process seemed to be going well in the voting and the counting of votes. The winner of the presidential election was announced amid flaring tempers and loud protests. The opposition leader who lost declared that there was "election rigging" and that he would contest the results in court. We are grateful that the violence of the 2007 election has not happened. There were protests in several areas where police were called to disperse crowds, but there has been relative calm. We would appreciate your prayers for the country of Kenya as the election results are contested in court. Please pray especially that the politicians do not stir up their supporters to take to the streets.

Misplaced Hope

Many in Kenya look at election years with hope and expectation. There are those that believe that if only their favorite candidate were to become president, then the problems of the *wananchi* (citizens) would all be solved. It is unfortunate, in a country where up to 80% claim to be Christian, that so many look to their government as the source of their hope. As we labor here in Kenya, we regularly confront people about this very matter of their hope. Through God's Word, we show man's inability to save himself or others. We then direct them to place their hope in the Lord. Please pray for us as we continue to labor here in Kenya for the souls of Kenyans.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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