



*Billy, Crystal, & Hudson*  
**COLEY**



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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

### **Furlough Update**

We praise the Lord for the time we were able to spend with family as we have been back on furlough. When Crystal and I left for Kenya, it was only the two of us. When we returned to the states from Kenya, we brought with us one of God's blessings that He gave us while on the field, our Hudson. It has been a joy to see Hudson and our family interact.

Before we became busy with travel to our supporting churches, Crystal, Hudson, and I were able to get in to see doctors for wellness checks as well as vision and dental appointments. Getting in to see a doctor in Kenya is usually accomplished in a few days; so, we had forgotten how difficult it can be to see a doctor in the states. We were thankful for family and friend's advice which allowed us to bypass long waits for appointments and allowed us to be seen before our travel schedule became too full.

### **Missions at Heart**

I had the privilege of being invited to preach a chapel service for the missions department at Heartland Baptist Bible College. The missions majors from first year through to fourth year students were together for this chapel. It was sobering to realize that 20 years ago this year, I was a fourth-year missions student at Heartland. I gave a testimony of how God worked in my heart in calling me to missions, then I preached out of Philippians 1:6-8 on "How to Have your People in your Heart". I wanted these missions students to know that even missionaries need to consistently depend upon the Lord in their daily lives so that the "love of God" that is "shed abroad in our hearts" (Rom. 5:5) may reach the people whom we serve. I praise God for these young men and women who have answered God's call to reach the lost in other parts of the world. May the Lord continue to work in the hearts of these young men and women that they may also say as the Apostle Paul, "...I have you in my heart."

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support!

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