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KEEPING UP WITH KENYA

Monthly Newsletter

*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas
to all my wonderful supporters!*

I can't believe I have already lived in Kenya for 4 months. We are getting settled and have already seen God move in so many ways. As a Mercy Nairobi team, we see so much potential for God to move during the year of 2023!

On a personal note, I have some exciting news! I came back to the States for 3 weeks as we are in between visas. This gave me an opportunity to spend time with family and friends for the Thanksgiving holiday. It also gave me some time to spend with Caleb in person. We are tackling 8,000 miles of long distance one day at a time but we definitely cherished time spent together in person without technology issues (a.k.a poor connections and lags).

Caleb & Rachel are ENGAGED!



During our time in person we got engaged!!!! I am so excited to continue this lifelong journey with Caleb. We will continue long distance until May 2023. The plan is to get married in May, remain in the States together in June, and then move to Kenya together in July.

Caleb has recently gone through the interview process with West Nairobi International School. He has accepted a position as a high school social studies teacher for two years starting in July 2023. Since college, Caleb has been looking for an opportunity to teach abroad. We are excited for the callings God has placed in each of our lives that allows us to serve God together in the city of Nairobi.

With this big life change comes some more financial needs. Tori, Ashley, and I split the cost of the items for our current apartment such as furniture, appliances, etc. Tori and Ashley will keep the majority of those items which means I need to raise financial support for more relocation costs for the home Caleb and I will create here in Kenya.

Also, when we moved to Kenya, we planned on using Uber as our mode of transportation. However, Uber drivers are currently on strike and the system has been very frustrating. We are having to wait 15-25 minutes for a driver and many drivers are canceling rides. Now that I have learned my way around and have driven the church van, I am ready to get a car and start driving the streets of Nairobi. This was not in my original budget so I need your help for this as well. Used cars are still quite expensive since they are all imported.

My original support raising amount covers my salary and day to day expenses. The two unexpected scenarios explained above have created a need for more funds. As my supporters, I wanted to reach out to you first. I would love for you to prayerfully consider additional financial support.

My goal is to raise the funds for the car by January 2023 and the funds for relocating Caleb and I as soon as possible after that. Please consider giving some of your end of year gifts to support me in these new endeavours. I need to raise \$20,000 for the car and \$10,000 for relocating costs.



Give towards Rachel's Goals

If you are able to give a one time gift, please click the “give” button above and follow the steps.

If you give, please send me an email or a WhatsApp message to let me know so that I can make sure it was sent to the correct fund.

As always, if you know anyone who would be interested in receiving my newsletters or supporting the work we are doing in Kenya, please send me their contact information.

I love each and every one of you and am so thankful to have you supporting me through prayer and finances as I serve God in Kenya.

Much love,
Rachel

