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KEEPING UP WITH KENYA

Monthly Newsletter

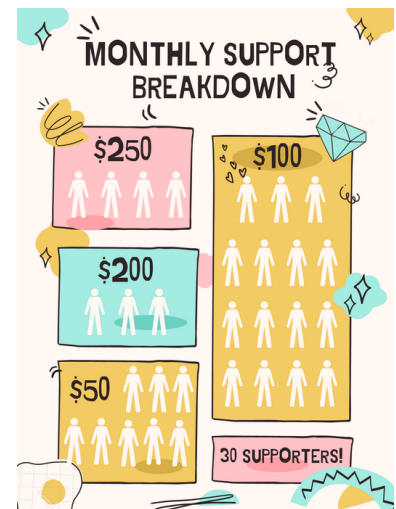
Countdown to
Moving Day!!!!



50
Days

SUPPORT
RAISING
PROGRESS

115%



WHAT IS GOD TEACHING ME?

Scripture Reading

This month God has been teaching me even more about prayer. I've been working on praying more specific and bold prayers but also praying through the Psalms. I continue to pray that during this busy but good season of change that I will find my strength and endurance in the Lord and also rest in His guidance and sovereignty. My favorite Psalm that I have been praying during this season is below!



"Lord, I seek refuge in you; let me never be disgraced. Save me by your righteousness. Listen closely to me; rescue me quickly. Be a rock of refuge for me, a mountain fortress to save me. For you are my rock and my fortress; you lead and guide me for your name's sake."

Psalm 31:1-3

TEACHING UPDATE

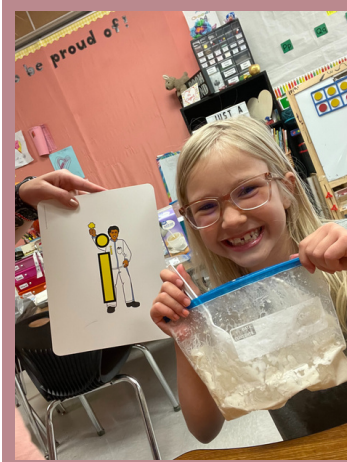
It has been a whirlwind of emotions as I wrap up this school year. One of the happy moments of each day has been counting down the school year with a letter a day. We started with the letter A at the end of April and are working our way to the letter Z in June. Check out just a few of the fun memories we have been making as a class!



We made applesauce for the letter A.



We had a firetruck come for the letter F.



We made ice cream for the letter l.



We had fun with jump ropes for the letter J.



We all wore the color orange for the letter O. I had a blast making t-shirts for my cuties (we also ate cuties this day)! I have 9.5 days left with them and it is going to be hard to say goodbye to them.

There have been 2 main challenges with the school year coming to a close. The first challenge has been letting go of my identity as a teacher. God has given me a great gift and I do not take that for granted. However, there are times that I view my identity as a teacher higher than my identity as a daughter of God. Even though it is hard, I am so thankful that God is breaking and correcting me. My identity in Christ should ALWAYS be first!

The other challenge is 3 of my students. They are the sweetest 3 girls but they all have a challenging home situations. Because of this, they are not excited about Kindergarten ending. They are constantly telling me that they don't want a new teacher and they need constant reminders of how many activities we have left in our day because they dread going home. I have loved being a model for them of a stable adult but it is hard to leave them in someone else's hands for the summer. But for now, I will continue to give them all the hugs, love, and stability to prepare them for the summer ahead.

KENYA PREPARATION UPDATE

Plane tickets have been bought. Unless the flights change, we fly out on July 12!

I'm fully vaccinated.

My visa has been approved!

My house is on the market to be rented out to new tenants.

Prayer cards have been delivered. I'm excited to start passing them out to people. If you would like one mailed, please respond to this email with your mailing address.

New Teammates!

We are excited to add some new teammates to our Kenya team. Meet the Kohmans! Jordan currently serves as a pastor at Summit Church to help mobilize students for missions and also supports the college ministry. Just a side note: Summit Church is who planted my current church Mercy Charlotte and Mercy Charlotte is planting Mercy Nairobi. Therefore, Jordan is coming from our grandfather church to help plant Mercy Nairobi. How cool is that?! God is so good! I love seeing His plan in action.



Jordan's wife Lee and their three daughters, Sienna (8), Libby (7), and Talitha (4) will also be joining us. I have not gotten to meet the girls yet but I had a chance to meet Jordan and Lee this past weekend. It was so crazy to me that it was such a perfect fit. God knew exactly what He was doing as He called each of us to this team. Within an hour of hanging out with Jordan and Lee, I said "it feels like I've know you a lot longer".

This weekend was the first time that our team of 7 had a chance to gather together in person. Jordan led us in a mission training to prepare us for the work we have ahead in Kenya. It was a great time of team building, vision casting, and preparation. I am so excited to continue to bond with our team and serve God together in August/September. The Waruhius are heading to Kenya in June. The "Nairobi Girls" (Rachel, Tori, & Ashley) will make their way over in July. Then the Kohmans will join us in August/September.

EVERYDAY LIFE UPDATE

Secret Church is an event led by David Platt to mirror what believers do to meet together in closed, unsafe countries. It is 6-7 hours of theological overload but it plays an important part of my salvation story. Secret Church is when my life transformed from religious practices to a relationship with the Lord. I loved getting to have one last chance to host with my community group before Tori and I move.



I have a bucket list of things that I would like to do with my friends during my time left in the states. We are off to a great start as we cross things off the list. I am trying to soak up every moment with these WONDERFUL, FUNNY, KIND, CARING, AMAZING friends that God has placed in my life during this season.

We went to Stroke for some putt putt fun. Most of y'all know that I enjoy a little competition every now and then. There may have been a few mulligans along the way.



We celebrated Tori's 30th birthday with a suspenseful escape room. We jumped and screamed a few times.





The beach is where I connect with God the most and also feel the most relaxed. We took a day trip to the beach. I was very filled up and ready for the week up ahead when we returned. I look forward to more time at the beach this summer.

Fondue with friends is always a good time! We try to get together for fondue every 1-2 months. I'm so glad Tori was able to join us this time. I love how the conversation with these friends always turns into encouraging each other and pointing one another to Christ.



Financial Support Update

God has been so faithful to provide over my monthly salary in support. I cannot wait to see how He uses those funds for ministry. My desire is to use most of those funds for ministry. However, relocating costs are adding up quicker than anticipated as prices in our economy rise. If you feel called to give a supplemental one time gift to support my relocating costs, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can scan the QR code or go to the website and click "Give one time". The fund name has changed since most of you joined my support team. My fund name is now "RY MS002".



<https://pushpay.com/g/mercynairobi foundation>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for Jordan and his family joining our team
- I will remain present and grounded during the next 50 days
- Gospel conversations with my co-workers as questions are asked about my upcoming adventure

Upcoming Dates

Commissioning Sunday Details

Drop In "See You Later" Event

When: Thursday, June 23

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

Where: Mercy Church
7200 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC

What: I am so thankful for all of my supporters and I want a chance to see you all in person before I leave.

Sunday, June 5 is commissioning Sunday since the Waruhius are heading out on June 13.

We will be commissioned at Mercy Northeast at the beginning of the 9am service and then commissioned at Mercy Providence Road at the end of the 9am service and beginning of the sermon in the 11am service.

There is no pressure to attend any of these events but I wanted to give you the dates a few weeks in advance in case you wanted to attend. I would suggest Mercy Providence Road for commissioning if you want a chance to speak to me. I believe our time at Mercy Northeast will be very quick that morning.

Here are the addresses for the 2 campuses for commissioning:

Mercy Northeast Location:

7821 Old Concord Road
Charlotte, NC 28213

Mercy Providence Road Location:

7200 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28226