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KEEPING UP WITH KENYA

Monthly Newsletter

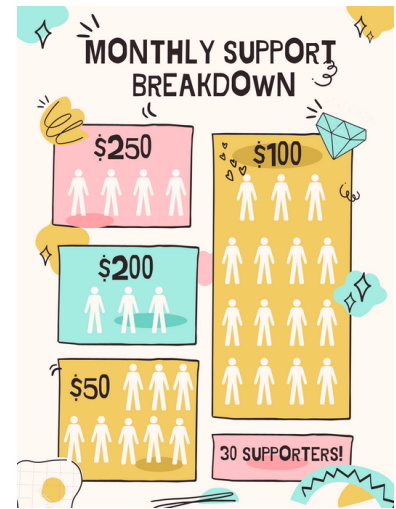
Countdown to
Moving Day!!!!



12
Days

SUPPORT
RAISING
PROGRESS

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WHAT IS GOD TEACHING ME?

Scripture Reading

This month God has been teaching me about His sovereignty. Many things and situations are out of my control in this season of life. As I transition to life overseas, God is showing me His plan will ALWAYS be better than the plan I picture for myself. I am so thankful that I serve an Almighty God that knows what is best for me.



"For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have."

-Philippians 1:29-30

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH!



On Sunday, June 5, we were commissioned at both Mercy Church locations. It was such a sweet time being encouraged and supported by our current church for the work we have up ahead. Then on Monday, June 13, we sent the Waruhiu family on their way to Nairobi!



On Tuesday, June 7, it was time to say goodbye to my students at Wolf Meadow. There were many tears shed after the buses rolled off the lot. Haylee and Tyreik (pictured above) were some of the hardest students to say goodbye to at Wolf Meadow. I taught them in kindergarten, and they are about to enter the 5th grade. I have loved watching them grow over the past five years. I am so beyond thankful for my time spent at Wolf Meadow and the relationships I was able to build during those five years.



June 16-19 was a nice, relaxing weekend during this season of a never-ending to-do list. Some of my closest friends were kind enough to take off work and spend a weekend with Tori and me at the beach. I was praying that it would be a sweet time of

joy and fun memories, and God was faithful in answering that prayer. I was worried that I would be sad that it was our last big trip, but I felt no sadness on the trip. One of the things I am grieving the most is not being able to live daily life with these amazing friends. I am thankful for every one of them!



The transitions are starting!!! Not only have I finished my teaching job, but I have also sold my car and moved out of my house. Living out of boxes in a new place has had its challenges, but I'm making it work. Finding tenants to rent out the house I own has also been difficult. There were tenants lined up to move in on July 1. On June 29, they decided to cancel their lease. It is time to put my house back on the market and start the process of showings all over again. I know that God is in control and has a plan. He will faithfully provide the way that He has with everything else along this journey to Kenya.

Our team is very spread out right now as we are making our transitions to Kenya in waves. I am so thankful that technology is allowing us to stay connected. Our team has been going through some struggles and we are encouraging and praying each other through it. The Waruhius had a hospital visit soon after they arrived in Kenya for their daughter Anaiya. Then the Kohman family had 2 hospital visits in Raleigh. One visit was for Lee as she hit her head after passing out and needed staples. Another visit was for their 4 year old daughter Talitha breaking her collarbone.

I have also felt my lower back pain ramping back up during all the moving. I have 4 bulging discs in my lower back that I will most likely need surgery for in the future. I've already had 2 rounds of cortisone injections in my spine in 2022. The goal is to prolong surgery as long as possible through physical therapy. I am asking for prayers that my back will recover without a need for more injections.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Challenges and struggles with different team members as we prepare for ministry
- Healing for my back, Talitha's collarbone, and Lee's head
- Healthy Gospel goodbyes
- Safe travels July 12-13

