

Missionary Update

Joseph and Elfi Muutuki

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Family and friends,

It has been an amazing year, 2016. Elfi and I hope you are all keeping well wherever you are. The thing is we have to plan our outings carefully during this rainy season. We have not seen so much rain in a long time here in Kenya like now and especially when we see walls, buildings collapsing and people die or be swept away by gushing water. It might be warm where you are than here in Nairobi.

The beginning of April we ordained 4 elders and Joe is very happy as this was a very needed help as the Church continues to grow. These elders are helping with elder care as we have divided our members with each elder assisting with prayer and keeping in touch with each member of the fellowship.

The business fair we organized as an outreach to our neighbors in April attracted over 40 businesses displaying different wares. We charged a small fee in order to raise money for our scholarship fund. Most of the people who came to display their wares did not know there was a Church that meets where we are. We made contacts and the hardest job is now is to keep the friendship going. We would appreciate your prayers.

About two weeks later, the ladies had their annual retreat which attracts women even from outside our Church fellowship. The topic this year was very interesting as the women discussed their types of personalities. The question for the ladies was how God could use their temperaments with the help of the Holy Spirit. (Elfi thinks Joe is phlegmatic.)

The month of May brings end of the Semester for Joe. He had a very interesting Semester so far this year. Towards the end of the Semester in April he was asked to teach an additional 23 students. Of course, this was to the normal Semester class he was teaching of 73 students. What was interesting was the composition of the students. Some of his students were from the Kenyan parliament. There are some Kenyan MPS who do not have an undergraduate degree but under the new constitution they should all have one if they have to serve in parliament. Immediately our parliament went to recess several members of parliament came to attend intense classes. Joe was chosen to be one of the lecturers to train them in an Introduction to Old Testament course. He soon discovered that some are not believers and had very interesting discussions. Equally, we also had teachers who want a degree and they too came to Daystar after schools closed in April. This gave Joe an opportunity to share the Gospel in a variety of settings during this time. All in all the month of April was the busiest for us. It would not be ethically ok to write the students and their backgrounds but we can always share about such exciting experiences as always personally.

Elfi took a 5 day trip to Western Kenya with 3 other ladies from our Church. This was to the largest remaining Kenya's tropical forest. She and her friend had a 4 ½ hour hike in the forest. She had a blast.

We are always grateful to your encouragement and support.

We have attached some pictures: Elders and their wives who supported them during ordination, business fair, the ladies retreat, Elfi's trip to the Tropical forest and finally a photo from some of those who displayed wares with some of the members of the Church, see whether you can spot Joe.

Thank you for being there for us

Blessings from Nairobi

(Mungu awabariki)

Joe and Elfi













