



Eastern  
Mennonite  
Missions

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## BOYER BRIEFINGS

February, 2009

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.  
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Ps. 105:1, 2*

Every day is a beautiful day! This place is a haven of rest. It is walled in from the city and so peaceful and lovely with huge trees, flowering bushes and lush green plants. The children can play in the spacious lawn without fear or harm.

**Our Living Place** We are getting settled in our cottage. All our clothes are unpacked and in our newly refinished wardrobe. Soon we'll have more counter space on a bar in the kitchen. We enjoy a lot of outdoor living using the big table on the porch.



**Orientation** In our week of orientation we traveled with the team from Mellingers and Stumptown churches. In two slum areas we visited churches and schools. No one could have prepared us for what we saw there. Houses are simply tin lean-tos, with no electric, no running water, and no sewers. They live almost on top of each other. Children are everywhere, often playing in mud and dirt. Everyone is trying to sell something to make a little money. People sit around with nothing to do

because they have no jobs. The children come running to us and say, "How are you?" They want to shake hands and have us take their pictures. Our slums in the U.S. look rich compared to what we saw here.



**Churches** We were in a church service in one of the slum areas that lasted over 3 hours!! Then they gave us lunch. The next day I was sick! We will get adjusted.



We also went to the Somalia section of town, a Muslim area. The church there is doing a great work. They have a sports program and draw a lot of young people.

Wes is learning to know the pastors and some of the leaders of the Kenyan Mennonite Churches. We visited two and plan to visit the rest of the churches in Nairobi. On Sunday we plan to visit a church in Olepolos, which is about 3 to 4 hours from here.

**Shopping** We've been out shopping and visiting the markets and the local groceries. Everyone is very kind and helpful. Roads are terrible and politics are bad. (Wes reads all the Daily News papers.)

**Language Study--Swaheli** We started language training and really like our teacher. He makes us say the words over and over until we say them right!! This is good. He says we need to hear ourselves say the words to get used to the sounds in the language. It is a bit overwhelming!

**Hymn Sing** Our first monthly hymn sing brought about 65 to 75 people from Rosslyn Academy, Day Star, MCC and EMM workers--not nearly all Mennonite. It was a great time of worship, food, and fellowship.

**Co-workers** We are grateful for our co-workers, Aram and Debbie DiGennaro and Mike and Cindy Brislen. They have been most helpful in getting us oriented and settled.

**Pray:** --For our language understanding.  
--Wisdom to know how to serve these people of God in this culture.

--Opportunities to share the message of Jesus. --

Good health to continue. -----

Clair Good's visit February 15 to 18 and 25 to 27.

**Praise** God for those who are supporting us. May God richly bless you as you share in this work.

Much love in Christ, **Wes & Lois**

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