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## BOYER BRIEFINGS

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.’” Our prayer is that as we minister among the people here that they will truly become a people of God and have a relationship with Him.

June was a very busy month. Two of our Team families have gone back to the states – the Haile’s for the summer and the Brislen’s to stay. Haile’s left on the 11 and the Brislen’s left on June 16<sup>th</sup>, my birthday. Not the best gift! I will miss her in the EMM office.

I enjoyed singing with the Nairobi Community Concert Choir. We gave our spring concert June 13 & 14. It was held at Braeside School and it was well attended. It went well and I enjoyed it.



George’s Store

Wes was at a meeting of the Peace and Reconciliation Fellowship at Chepilat with Aram and spoke on Forgiveness. The pastor there, George, has opened a new business to support himself.

Wes preached at Hunter’s Church on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Then on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> we left with Bishop Philip Okeyo to go to Migori where he lives and then on to the rural area for a bishop meeting. We took 3 other bishops with us. It was way back in where there was no electric, no running water and hardly any roads. Wes was driving the trooper. The scenery was beyond description. Everywhere we looked was just amazingly beautiful. The roads were not much more than trails and some places we didn’t think we could make it. But we did and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay. They feed us good and we had a nice place to sleep with a mosquito net. We were about 50 kilometers from Lake Victoria. We saw it in the distance and also overlooked Tanzania.

Wes gave his testimony at the bishops’ meeting. They were very moved by it when they heard his father was an alcoholic, they could really connect with him. He also preached Sunday morning at the church on “Unity in the Church” at the request of Bishop Okeyo. I spoke to the women on Saturday morning. They were very appreciative.



Bishops of the Dioceses of the Kenya Mennonite Churches from left to right:

Bishops Elisha Osewe, Domonic Opondo,  
(Wes), Philip Okeyo, Joshua Okello,  
Moses Owura and William Okal.

We have seen tea fields, coffee bushes, sugar cane fields and on this trip I saw how they mine gold by hand. The women took me for a walk to see the market. Interesting! They also showed me how they grind the rocks for gold, pan it, wash it and purify it. When I saw how they do that I was reminded of the scripture that says we are refined in the fire as gold.

Luo Tribe people are very hospitable. They didn't want me to help with anything. But I did sit down and help shell ground nuts (peanuts) with 4 other ladies. They roast them and serve them warm. They are delicious. I was amazed at the way the women in the Luo tribe carry things on their heads. They walk as straight as arrows and balance huge loads on their heads. We saw a women get down and pick something up off the ground with the load on her head.



Street Scene in Migori

On the way home, near Migori, we saw the house and one of the churches that Clyde Shenk built. Bishop Joshua Okello is living in the house now.



Migori Mennonite Church built by  
Clyde Shenk

We went on an outing one day with Aram and Debbi and the Mennonite Guest

House Kenyan staff to Paradise Lost. We had a great time boating, eating and walking together. I saw one of the caves where the Mau Mau's hid in the forest during the Emergency in the 1950's. They were a very dangerous group that killed and persecuted many Christians who refused to take their oath. I am reading a book about that period of Kenyan history called Ambushed by Love which is stories edited by Dorothy Smoker.

**Praise** God for safety in our travels.

**Pray** for strength and calmness as we move the EMM office to our compound.

**Pray** for Wes as he gives leadership to EMM team.

**Pray** for wisdom and insight for Wes as he ministers in the different churches.

**Pray** for Wes' brother-in-law, Jeff and his wife Edith Crist and their three children. Jeff has Malignant Pleural

**Mesothelioma. Pray for healing, peace**

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