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BOYER BRIEFINGS

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“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

We wish you all a Blessed New Year. We are home in East Earl, Pennsylvania! We even had a white Christmas which I ordered! God is so very good and loves to bring us joy. I asked Him for snow but that it would not hinder our travel coming home or our family get-together and He answered my requests.



This is our daughter, Jean's home after the big snowstorm.

December was a busy month for us in Kenya. We had our monthly Hymn Sing at the Guest House and sang Christmas carols. The Nairobi Symphony Choir and Orchestra had the concert Dec. 5 & 6. We did the Magnificat and the Many Moods of Christmas.

I worked hard to get all the bookwork finished before we left for the states. We also had a Conference in Migori at Lwendo Church in the rural area of Migori. The theme was “Offering” using the story of Abraham offering Isaac. We taught 2 times and preached 2 times. I spoke on knowing Who We Are in Christ and the Sin Problem.

There was a wedding and an ordination that week-end. We were asked to preach at one of the occasions so he chose the wedding. Bishop Joshua Okello was in charge of the week-end. Most of the services were held outside because the church wasn't big enough for all the people.



Our EMM Retreat, at the Lake Naivasha Resort, was a good time of relaxing, learning to know Glen Kauffman and being able to ask questions and sharing the vision for EMM in Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania. Some of us walked to the Lake which is very low because of the draught. When we were there in May to look at the place for the Retreat the lake was only a 15 minute walk. We didn't know that it had changed so much. We walked for an hour before we got there. We went across to Crescent Island and saw the animals. For me the most exciting thing was a huge python snake that was curled up in the bushes. The guide had to hunt to find it. He had just eaten a dik dik which is a small deer. He was huge although we only saw a small section of him and he did not move even when the guide poked him with a stick. There were hippos in the lake and on the way back our motor on our boat stopped and we were very near the hippos. Fortunately, God sent a wind that moved us away from them. Our guide got it

going again. Then we walked back to the Resort Center Mennonite Church and at Providence Mennonite



This is the day before we came home

We had a good trip home. The snow was beautiful and the air was COLD! It took three days to recover from jet lag. We celebrated Christmas Day at Dan's with Judy and Jessica and Vanessa's parents. Then Saturday we had our family Christmas at Joyce's. It was so good to be with family.



Singing carols: Daughter Jeannie, me, daughter Judy, Granddaughter Carla, daughter in law Vanessa, granddaughter Erica, granddaughter Ava in front and daughter Joyce at the piano.

We enjoyed being with the Lapp Family. We all missed Jeff Crist and grieve with Edith and her children. Our Denlinger siblings could not all be present because of the weather and illness. We are hoping to all get together before we go back. We did get together with my sisters and their husbands.

We are enjoying see many friends also. We shared about our work and showed pictures at Vincent

Church. We plan two more presentations, and invite you to either one of them:
January 12 – 7:00 PM Landis Homes Chapel
January 17 – Media Mennonite Church, Oxford, PA at 10:30 AM.

Praise God for all our supporters (you!)

Praise for continued good health.

Pray for safety as we travel back to Kenya January 28th, and get back into our Kenya routine.

Note from the MST

Thank you for your generous support and prayers. Our 2009 goals are met. We are looking at a potential shortfall of 17,000 for 2010. Please continue to send contributions payable to Vincent Mennonite Church, and mail them to Marcus Kolb, 580 Wall St., Phoenixville, PA 19460. Re: Automatic Withdrawal plan, refer questions to Nita Landis at EMM, 717 898-2251 Send any changes, additions, or deletions of email or mailing addresses to Martha Nissley, amstahl31@gmail.com or call 717 509-5829

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