



Eastern  
Mennonite  
Missions

*together with Christ,  
transforming the world*

“The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.” Deut. 28:12

**Praise God** for the rain. It has been raining a part of almost every day or night this whole month. After 3 or 4 years of draught, we praise God. Lakes and rivers were in great danger, which are the water sources for many people.

This month was calm and not quite so busy as last month. We were privileged to have four girls from EMU on a study abroad semester stay at our house for a week.



Left to right: Jill Swartzenbruber, Katrina Goering, Amanda Styer and Charise Garber

We enjoyed playing games some evenings and we took them to Amani Ya Juu which is a women's ministry here in Nairobi. They sew many items and sell them in their store and ship most of their things to the states. Then we went to the Maasai Market to see more things that the Kenyans make and sell.

We went to see the Sand Dam Project at Kola where Jake and Alvera Stern live. This is an MCC project that retains water in the rivers by building a dam and allowing it to fill with sand. The sand holds and purifies the water and the area around becomes fertile as well. They build terraces for farming as it is very hilly. Jake showed us a video and Alvera

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gave us a power point presentation on how the sand dams work. They are great guides.



Left to right: Wes, Lois, Jill, Jake Stern, Kat, Amanda, Charise and Isaac DiGennaro (Isaac is Aram's brother who has been here for about six months and went with us)

It had rained just before we left so it was slippery and wet. Wes slipped and fell when we were hiking down to the river. But he wasn't hurt – just dirty! Wes and I hiked up to two dams and then we leisurely went back while the others went to 2 or 3 more.

We enjoyed the hymn sing on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Wes preached at Mathari on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Philip Okeyo was there also and taught the Adult Sunday School class. They served us lunch. Wes preached at Eastleigh on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They have tea and mandazis after the service and a time of fellowship. Wes was scheduled to preach at the Happy Church on the 28<sup>th</sup> but on Friday evening he slipped and fell on the steps at the dining room and badly sprained his foot. We had it x-rayed and it wasn't broken but the doctor said to stay off it as much as possible for five days.

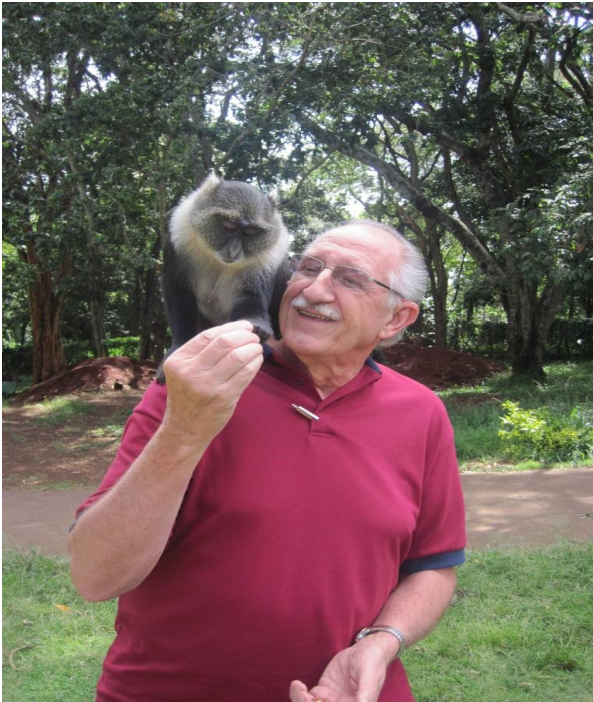
We had a very interesting young girl at the guest house since January. She was doing research for her Ph.D. She was a lot of fun and became like a daughter to us. Her name is Joanne Moyer, a Mennonite from Winnipeg, Canada. She left March 18<sup>th</sup>. We were sad to see her go. She would come over

and play games and go places with us. Sometimes we would go out to eat and take her with us.



Lois, Joanne and Wes

One afternoon last week we went with Bishop John Ambundo to the City Park to see the monkeys. We bought peanuts and a soda to feed them. As I was trying to open my bag, a monkey jumped up and grabbed the whole bag! Then after we fed several from the bottle, one monkey grabbed the bottle and ran up a tree and watched us as he drank it. At one time Wes had two monkeys, one on each shoulder!



Another day, Martha Ratzlaff, Lydia Pletts and I had a day out and went to the Bead and Pottery Factory. This was started by a lady to help women who had no way to support themselves. They start with the rough clay and

make and paint the beads and pottery. About 300 women and a few men work there. We went to Karen's Coffee Café for lunch.

While we ladies were out having a great time, Wes was in a meeting with pastors and bishops to discuss the work at Chepilate.

**Pray** for the church plant at Chepilate.

**Pray** for the Kenyan government. We are very happy that Parliament passed the Constitution. Now it goes to the people for a vote. The fact that it passed in Parliament was encouraging.

**Pray** for us as we go to Kakamego to minister April 9-11 with Bishop John Ambundo from Victorious Ministries.

### **Note from the MST**

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