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Missions

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“In Your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them.” Ex. 15:13

We arrived home Christmas Day in the late afternoon. As we had our plans disrupted and were traveling, we had to think of the first Christmas. There were no decorations, no special meals, no family get-togethers. There was a rough journey. The Bible doesn't say they had a donkey. They most likely were with a caravan. But it was rough for a pregnant lady. We had a smooth airplane ride. They had no place to go – everything was full. We had a home to come to. But they welcomed the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in that stable in Bethlehem and angels serenaded the shepherds. We felt we had it easy compared to what Mary and Joseph experienced but we celebrated Jesus, too.

Back in Kenya on December 5th we had our Monthly Hymn Sing and I led Christmas carols. Then Wes & I left and went to Mathare where he preached. They had a farewell for us and gave us gifts. These outfits!



African Chief Wes and Lois!

BOYER BRIEFINGS

January 2011

The following weekend was the Nairobi Symphony Choir program Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. We sang the Midnight Mass for Christmas Eve (in Latin) by Charpentier and Peace on Earth by Chilcott along with several other Christmas pieces.

We attended the MCC/EMM Retreat at Brackenhurst. It is a beautiful setting and we had a great time. The schedule was relaxed – not so full so we really did have a retreat.



We had a talent night and Wes did the “Little Bo Peep Sermon.” I sang the AARP version of “These are a Few of My Favorite Things.” We were, as usual, the oldest ones there so I told them they need to understand what that is like! Matt & Stephanie Kistler did a piano and violin duet and they were awesome – real talent.



Matt at the piano and Stephanie on the violin

We came home from Brackenhurst and finished packing ready to go on Sunday evening, Dec. 19th. I got up at 11:45 PM to get our tickets on line and picked good seats. All was in order. Sunday morning there was a message on our email from British Airways. "Do not come to the airport. Your flight is cancelled" due to a major snowstorm in London. We waited and worked with our Travel Agent, and finally got a flight out on Christmas eve at 11:30 pm. However there was an hour delay so we didn't actually leave until 12:30 am. We had 10 pieces of luggage and some things were breakable. We hoped and prayed they would arrive safely. We had good flights and they even upgraded us to World Class, with bigger seats that are farther apart so Wes had more leg room. When we arrived at Philadelphia and went to the baggage, I waited and watched and when the last piece of luggage came through I threw up my arms and said Hallelujah!



We arrived home at Dan's at about 5 pm. We had a nice dinner and enjoyed seeing Dan and Vanessa, their children, her parents, and Barb. Jan. 2nd we had our Boyer Family Christmas with ALL our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We had a great time eating and playing games.



The great grandchildren, Alex and Lily We had a wedding on New Year's Day. Jenna Essick, from Vincent was married to Steve Gerhart.

She is the daughter of our good friends, Jay & Becky.



We praise God for a safe journey home.

We praise God for the love our Kenyan friends showered upon as we said our good-byes.

Pray as we try to decipher what God wants us to do next. Pray for wisdom as doors of opportunity open that we will know what is right for us.

Pray that the rest of our needed support to end in the black will be raised and that God would richly bless all our supporters over the past two years.

Note from the MST

Since this is the Boyers' final newsletter, we want to say a big "Thank you" for your generous support and prayers during their two years in Kenya. A final contribution may be sent, payable to Vincent Mennonite Church, and mailed to

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