

Joshua & Ruth Barron

Alitzah, Hannah Gail, Eliana, Zerachiah, Ahaviah

Partnering with Community Christian Church in Kenya
mostly among the Maasai



Prayer Requests

- ✦ *Pray for peace in Kenya during the election and post-election season.*
- ✦ *For our plans for our Stateside visit to come together and for an RV for us to use.*
- ✦ *For safety and peace in our travels.*
- ✦ *For our ongoing ministries in Kenya.*
- ✦ *That the Kenyan churches will continue to grow in maturity and in number.*

Coming to America!

It is once again time for us to visit the States. During the past three years, Kenya has been transformed from being a place away from home where we go to work to being our home in which we work. We now have roots growing deep into African soil through our many relationships, both relationships that are a part of ministry and relationships that are just "extra," gifts of friendship and family from God. We have also moved deeper into our relationship with our Father. It is now time for us to return to those places which have also been home for us, places where we still have friends and family and relationships that have nurtured us.

During our time in the States, we have many people and places to visit. Our visits to the States always involve a lot of traveling. During our last visit, we found the constant travel very unsettling for our family. So we are exploring the possibility of using an RV to give our family greater stability during our many trips as we visit places from Virginia to Nebraska to Florida. We plan to arrive in America in early April and to depart mid-August. On our way home to Kenya, we will attend a forum in Switzerland for CMF's church planting teams. A friend has contacted

several mission agencies to see if they have RVs available for missionaries visiting the States. They all answered that they can't help us but have added that this is a need which many other missionaries keep asking about.

We plan to take the majority of our long road trips in the first half of our time in the States. So we are looking for a drivable RV. Starting in June, we will have access to a minivan. Then we would park the RV in the Virginia-Tennessee region near our families for the remainder of our time in America as we visit our supporters in that area. ***If any of you can help us find an RV which we can borrow or rent during this time frame, please let us know.***

Ministry Update

It's a good time in our ministries to visit America. We have just helped to midwife the DTS (Discipleship Training School) into a new start. Joshua can continue his work on the revision of the Maa Bible translation via email. *Kula Neno La Mungu* (a kiSwahili adaption of our "Eating the Word of God" curriculum) is almost ready for the printer. A new ministry team which will help Ruth with her children's curriculum is coming together (we have a meeting on 27 February). We are at a point where we can continue to progress with our other curricula projects from wherever we are and through email correspondence with key Maasai, Turkana, Samburu, Kamba & Kalenjin church leaders. We are also changing a few hats. Joshua is no longer the main IT support person for our church leaders with laptops. But the churches have recently asked him to help them establish standardized discipleship and biblical training for their church leaders. At a meeting on 26 February with a multi-tribal group of church leaders, Joshua will begin this process. We will meet together again in September.

Kenyan elections are scheduled for March 4 with the presidential run-off election on April 11. That means that things here will slow down and it will be difficult to travel and to have meetings. So all things considered, it is a perfect time to return to touch base with our ministry partners in the States.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Joshua & Ruth

