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Hello everyone,

First let me thank you all for your prayers! We have traveled much distance the last several days visiting two remote villages. The roads at times were like the Indiana Jones ride at Disneyland! We are very thankful for our great driver, James, who handled the roads with much skill and care! Thankfully we were all able to laugh and enjoy seeing different looks of Kenya.



As I said in my last update, Sunday we visited our second village. Before we went to Nkoisusu, though, we went to church in Naro Sura. Gerry and I both preached in the same church service. Ellie and Chrissy taught the children a Sunday school song that they sang in the service. The service lasted 3 1/2 hours!! We had a great time! Those who have been to Kenya know. Kenyans know how to praise the Lord!! Our spirits were lifted and God was praised! After church, we were blessed to hand out audio bibles to eight people who are illiterate. Now they'll be able to listen to God's word whenever they want. What a blessing it was to worship with our brothers and sisters there in Naro Sura!

From church in Naro Sura we went to Nkoisusu. Even though it was a Sunday, it seemed as though the whole community was there to greet us! What a joy it was for me personally to see how much progress they had made since our Bethany trip to Nkoisusu in 2014. Christian brothers and sisters are filling the church that we paid to build, the school has grown and they have built a fence around the school compound to keep the wild animals out. They honored us by killing and roasting a goat for us that we ate for lunch. Mamas, dads and kids all sat and listened as we met with school and community leaders and the pastor to discuss their needs and how we might help. What a blessing it was and what love they showed us! We gave them audio bibles, as well. They were so happy to receive them! And the kids loved the soccer balls we brought them.

Monday we went to Olemegili. This village was a two-hour drive into the mountains. How different it was from the other villages we have visited. Lush, green hillsides were all around. We were met by some of the school and village leaders and many of the school children. Some of these kids had never seen white people, but all the kids loved the soccer balls. Kids can only attend school here through grade 4, then they have to go to a school further away if the family wants them to continue their education. After a walk to see their watering hole, we met with their leaders to discuss their needs and then handed out audio bibles. We had the privilege of giving their witch doctor one of the bibles! He received it with joy! Pray God's word touches his heart and he comes to faith in Jesus!



Today we traveled back to Nairobi. We are all tired, but

tomorrow we visit the Hope Center in the slums of Kibera. This will be the last community we evaluate before we decide which one Bethany will adopt. Please continue to pray for us, for wisdom and to clearly hear God's voice as we make our decision.

We are grateful for all that God has shown us during our time here! We look forward to sharing more stories when we get home! Thank you for your prayers!

Pastor Tim