

KENYA 2018 UPDATE



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Hello Bethany family,

We are so grateful for all God is showing us here in Kenya. We started our day by going to Pastor Samson's house in Bungoma and getting a tour of his place. With Pastor Samson and his wife caring for 16 children at their home, there was much to see. Crowded bedrooms for the children, many animals outside for milk and food, and a huge kitchen in a separate building where they prepare their meals for all the family.

After our tour we walked through the village to the school. The kids were at recess, so they were playing outside when we arrived. They seemed very shy and unsure of us when we walked up. All the playing stopped as they stared at us. Apparently most of the kids hadn't seen white people in person before. Gerry took out some bubbles for the kids and when he blew the first big bubble, most of the kids screamed and ran away!! It was pretty funny to us. Gerry kept blowing bubbles, Dave and Joy Mueller joined in, and in quick order they had all the kids playing and chasing bubbles. We also gave them two soccer balls which they were happy to play with.

After visiting with the teachers and the head of the school council, we walked through the village to see more of it. We met some of the people and said hi to many more. We then returned to Pastor Simon's house for lunch, where we were able to ask some questions and hear about the needs in Bungoma. We found out a lot about the village and how Bethany might help should this be the community we decide to adopt.

After lunch we went to the church, where we met 10 of their members. Our team got to worship with them and I was able to preach. It was beautiful to hear our Christian brothers and sisters worship God in a language we didn't understand! Their passion lifted our spirits, too! It was a blessed time! At the end of our time with them we presented to them 10 Swahili audio bibles for

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them to distribute to those in the village who are illiterate. They were happy to receive them. After that it was time to head out, so we took pictures, gave hugs and were on our way. We had a wonderful day in Bungoma!

Tomorrow (Friday) is a travel day for us again. We have a six-hour drive from Eldoret back to Narok. Early on Sunday we'll head to Nkuisusu to worship with the Christians there and to see that community. Please continue to pray for our team and for the communities we're visiting. We are excited to bring God's blessing and a welcome from Bethany to each of these churches!

Pastor Tim

