

## Greetings from America!!!

For the most part, May and June were uneventful, and we spent most of the time just hanging out at the house. We were able to meet with a Sunday school class from Central Baptist here in Decatur in May and were thankful for the opportunity to share what God has done in our lives through Kenya. Our neighbor, Peggy, whom we have known for a long time, is a part of this group and invited us to come. We were careful to practice social distancing, so we took our lawn chairs and sat in the parking lot of the church. Even though speaking publicly is one of my least favorite things, I love getting to talk about Kenya.

Micaiah has been taking karate since we've been back and has done really well. Even though his classes did not meet for several weeks, he was able to take a belt test shortly after classes resumed and moved up to a yellow belt. We also celebrated his 12th birthday on June 5. It's hard to believe we now have a teenager and a pre-teen.

I had surgery earlier in June for a bunion on my right foot (we figured now was as good a time as any to have it done). I'm recovering well, it's just a slow process. I have a follow-up appointment on July 6 and will have stitches removed, then it is just a matter of when all the swelling goes down and I will be back in a normal shoe. We're very thankful that God directed us towards Dr. Daigre, he even prayed with us before the surgery.

Ministry continues in Kenya: The entire country has been under COVID restrictions since mid-March, including a curfew and strict restrictions on public gatherings, including churches. Many are unable to work and are in need of assistance. One of our pastors, Rev. Alute, received some assistance from a missionary friend in South Africa and was able to provide food for about 80 pastors and their families. The Nangili church has been pressing on through laying tiles in their church, and the Seregoit church has been at work building a permanent building.

It is still our plan/goal to return to Kenya in September, however, we are \$1,500 a month short from meeting our budget. We are trusting God to supply and ask that you will join us in praying that He will do just that. We have few meetings between now and September, but we would love to schedule more. If you'd like to have us come share about the ministry in Kenya, please let us know. You can contact us through email: [vancefamilykenya@gmail.com](mailto:vancefamilykenya@gmail.com) or by cell: (256) 303-6882.

We are so grateful for you all, thank you so much for your prayers. Here are some specific items you can be praying about on our behalf:

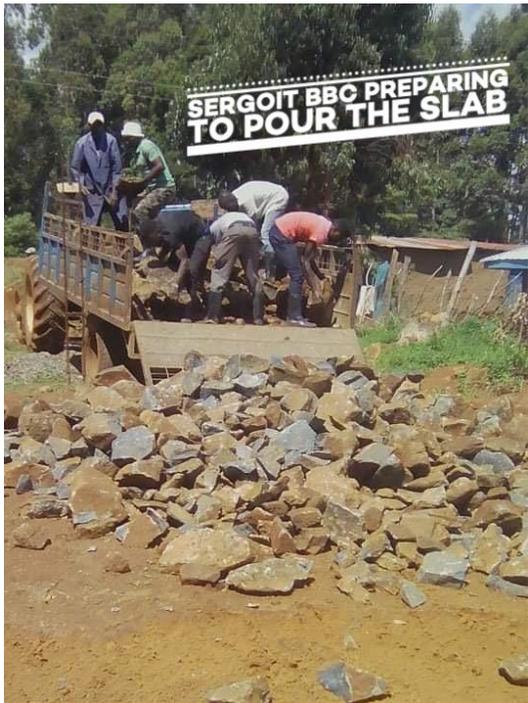
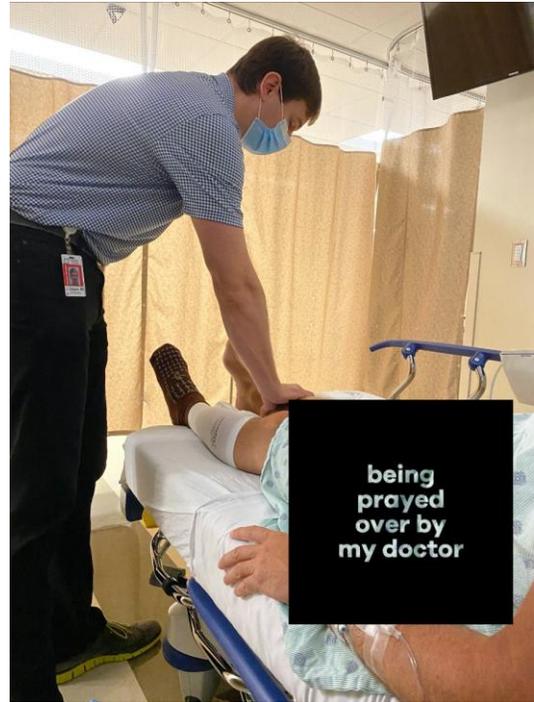
1. Pray for Phyllis Stirewalt, her children and their families
2. Pray that God continues to grow His church in Kenya and Uganda, that they will thrive despite their limits on meeting.
3. Pray that God will be glorified in this pandemic.
4. Pray for God's intervention in East Africa due to the pandemic, heavy rains and flooding, and locust swarms that are threatening to wipe out the food supply (praise, the locusts so far have not caused a big problem).
5. Selena and Micaiah homeschooling, and their teacher, Jeri. Selena will start high school in the fall (praise, we have found a curriculum).
6. We continue to practice our Swahili in America.
7. Log book for our vehicle in Kenya to get processed.
8. Pray for us to be able to fill our schedule with churches and individuals that God wants us to partner with.
9. Shaun's foot to heal.

Thank you all so much for your love, prayer, and support!

We love you!

Shaun, Jeri, Selena, Micaiah







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