

# Greetings from Alabama!!!

And just like that, our time in the States has come to an end. I know I have already said so, but we are so thankful for our sending church for bringing us back for a few months. It really allowed us to take a step back and look at things from a distance. We have really enjoyed just getting to be members of our home church and serve alongside our brothers and sisters who we have known for years. The time went by fast, it always does, but our next stay in Kenya will go by just as quickly and we'll be right back in Alabama before we know it. We will be sharing more about our future ministry plans in Kenya over the next few months, so please be in prayer with us to allow the Lord to have His way.

We were able to visit some with my family this month on two separate trips, one to Tennessee and one to North Carolina, and it was good to get to spend a little bit of time with family and friends. We got to see a few of my siblings: went with my brother, Josh, to see his daughter and her newborn baby (he's younger than I am, how does he have grand children?); had breakfast with my sister, Chastity, and one of her daughters and her 4 children; got to stay with the Moyers (Tony and Teresa used to take my brother and me to church when we were younger); and got to sit by another sister, Cindy, in church where her husband is the pastor. I have a lot of family in TN, and we never get to see everyone, but are thankful when we do get to see any of them. The trip to NC consisted of some similar visits; we stayed with my dad and saw a couple more of my siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and of course, my grandmother, who turned 90 years old in April. I got to preach at her church and sang a song acapella in English and Swahili; it was a great day!

Micaiah has had improvements in his knee pain, it seems the injections have really helped. He had a final visit to the doctor last week and was released to begin easing into physical activity. He was happy to hear this and was excited to get to play volleyball that same evening with the student ministry at church. Please continue to pray for his knees to improve and for his spirits to remain lifted. I didn't share last month, but Jeri injured her shoulder during a kickball league that our church had this summer. She ended up seeing the same doctor who Micaiah saw (praise the Lord for him!) and has been doing some therapy on it. She does have a bit of a tear in her labrum and some fraying of the tendon, not bad enough for surgery, but it will require some continued therapy. She began last week and will need to do some therapy exercises after we return to Kenya.

We received news that one of our senior pastors died on Sunday, July 22; Rev. David Luvai served the Lord for many years. He was amongst the first men to graduate from the Bible school in Eldoret and pastored the Kichere BBC for many years. He officially turned the church over to a younger pastor a few years back, but continued to be an advisor and help wherever he could. He also suffered a few health problems over the last few years but he was always a joy to be around and was always talking about Jesus. Oh the reunions that had to have taken place when Rev. Luvai stepped into Glory and saw those who went before him, but ultimately saw Jesus face to face!

We're finishing up a few last items before we return to Kenya. This morning, Jeri and I drove a team from our church to the airport, they are on a missions journey to the Dominican Republic, and amongst them was Selena. We will return to Kenya while she is there, so this was our last time to see her for a while. We walked her and the team up to the last security check, gave hugs, and walked away. Both Jeri and I did well, Selena was sleep deprived and excited, so I doubt she was very emotional. As we walked towards the parking garage, I really wanted to cry, but I held it together. I'm not sure there is anything more joyful than watching your children grow in their walks with the Lord. We've seen it in both Selena and Micaiah over the last few months and pray they both continue to allow Him to work in their lives.

We are planning our next furlough for Spring of 2026 (planning for May-October), and we need to begin planning a schedule. It has been almost two years since we were approved as BBFI missionaries, and there are some costs involved which we have not raised support for, like for health insurance. The Lord has always proved Himself faithful during our time in Kenya, and we know He will continue doing so, but we will need to use that furlough time to raise more support. Being a part of BBFI gives us a great network of churches to reach out to, so please pray we are able to make the connections the Lord wants us to, not just within BBFI but with like minded churches/individuals elsewhere. If you would like for us to come and report to your church, present the ministry, or are willing to recommend us to a church, please let us know.

## Here are some specific items you can be praying about on our behalf:

### Praise: We sold one of our vehicles!

1. Pray that God continues to grow His church in Kenya and Uganda.
2. Pray for changes that will be made over the next 9-10 months and that everyone will be willing to accept these changes.
3. Pray for the needs of our churches.
4. Pray for our Bible schools, teachers and students.
5. Pray for Collins and Beatrice: husband and wife whom Jeri and I are discipling.
6. We return to Kenya August 1.
7. Continue praying for Micaiah's knees; Jeri has an injured shoulder.
8. Pray for Selena's trip to the Dominican Republic.
9. Pray as we plan for our 2026 furlough.

