



March 2017

Hi all,

The past few weeks have been jam-packed! March began with a week of celebrations, including both Pancake Day and Lucy's birthday. We splashed the cash and bought real milk for our pancakes, and the next day we had a ceillidh for Lucy. The Kenyans loved Scottish dancing and got onboard with our very enthusiastic whooping and clapping. Pizza and iced buns also featured in the birthday celebrations.



On 4 March we participated in Rafiki's ninth annual Walkathon, walking 5k with staff, children and American benefactors who had come for the event. It was very encouraging to see how the school has grown over the years, and to be present for the opening of a new cowshed and generator. We continue to love every day at Rafiki; though it is tiring, it brings us together as a team, and we feel we're serving the Lord in both the domestic tasks and teaching the children.



Recently we've had some very encouraging Religious Studies lessons. In Kenya, teaching about Jesus in these classes is the norm and, teaching in pairs, we've had two great lessons about the cost of discipleship and the difference between faith and works. We don't have much time left at Rafiki (we leave for our mission trip to Samburu on the 31 March), so our prayer is that we can use every opportunity to share with the kids and staff the life-changing news that Jesus died to bring us back into relationship with God.

Last Sunday we were delighted to be part of a new church planted by Harrison Mungai (the leader of iServe Africa). It was great to have lots of the iServe family at church together and we thank God for this new bible-believing church in the centre of Kikuyu town. We are excited to be all together at church rather than moving around, and to have the faithful, biblical teaching we've not always heard in the other churches we've visited.

Also exciting for iServe's future is a new, bigger premises to which, God willing, they will move into in June. On Wednesday we went to the site and helped with farming, levelling the ground, building shelves and sorting a mountain of dusty books. It was great to see how God is prospering iServe's ministry.

On Thursday Crosslinks co-ordinator Katherine Stephenson and her husband Sam arrived in Kenya to visit Mission Partners and have a brief holiday. We were very happy to see them and to receive packages of letters and snacks from home! Sam led us in a really helpful seminar on predestination, and we are looking forward to another on gender. As a team we've been doing a bible overview, seeing how the whole bible fits together and tracing God's plan of rescuing the world through Jesus. We're also loving our studies in John, which team members continue to lead.

This morning (Saturday 11) we concluded our busy week with a 5am breakfast and sunrise drive to Nairobi for the tenth annual Run for the Bibleless. Ambitious team members completed a 10k run; the more pedestrian among us opted for a 4k walk. When we'd finished we were thrilled to see the fruits of the money raised: a translation of the Gospel of Luke into Ilchamus, which is the language of a small Kenyan tribe. They have never had any part of the Bible in their own tongue before, and we praised God for the work Bible Translation and Literature (BTL) are doing in Kenya.



Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support!

Lots of love from Emily, Kezzie and the rest of the Kenya team.

PRAISE POINTS

- Good health as a team
- Team friendships, which continue to grow greater and greater
- The fruits we have seen from both Rafiki Walkathon and Run for the Bibleless
- The new church plant
- iServe's new site

PRAYER POINTS

- Gospel conversations at Rafiki in our last weeks there
- Visas: we need to get them renewed this week to be allowed to stay in Kenya for the rest of our planned time
- Kenya is suffering drought, which is taxing on the whole country and challenging for us as we keep being without running water
- Preparations for Samburu mission experience month

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