

*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews.11:6*



**“By Faith” is the theme that we are just now going through (Hebrews) in church. And it has been beautifully illustrated to us again, this past week. As you know, and have been a part in praying for our paperwork, we have been waiting on Him as we ask Him to allow our paperwork to process, whichever way He chooses.**

We would be lying if we said we didn’t begin to wonder (or worry) at all; when our papers took more than twice as long to process as it is supposed to, and several of our other fellow missionaries were receiving word/work permits, while we were

still not? We were “wondering” because we still believe that we are supposed to stay here in Kenya...until the Lord shows us otherwise, (which He hasn’t yet)? However, we still began to “worry” a bit...because we weren’t sure what to believe? Perhaps we forgot to focus on the fact that it is a matter of WHO and not WHAT we are trusting in? Not stamps, signatures, papers, or people...but in the One Who will walk with us-wherever we go, whichever way He leads us.

Well, we are praising Him for His faithfulness-even when we may be faithless. Finally, after a long wait, and “lost” papers...everything has happened so fast just within the last week! We were encouraged by a fellow missionary on Thursday, to “Never Doubt God.” Later, that night, we were talking together in our own home; challenged by our lack of faith or fervent prayer on the matter. It’s not that we didn’t believe God COULD do it-it was more of a question of whether or not He WOULD do it...specifically, anytime soon. We ended the conversation that evening with the confident confession that, “He could (and might even) help them “find” our file tomorrow if He wanted them to!” The next morning (Friday) we got word that our file had been “found!” Only after the weekend, on Monday, we were told that our Society (official organization we have to come under) was approved, and a few hours later, heard that we were also granted 3 more years on our “missionary work permit!!!” This is a HUGE answer to SO many prayers-all in one weekend!!!

On one hand we were so grateful and glad, and just rejoicing over this great news-while on the other hand we were both sobered and humbled by God’s abundant goodness and in awe of His undeserved and truly amazing grace. This made us both want to laugh and cry! Laugh because it was so obviously God’s good hand at work-and cry because we knew that it was a gentle reminder that we were doubting Him in ALL His goodness and handiwork. We thank God for His grace in our lives, and for His patience with people. It is truly a privilege for us to be able to be here, not because of any superior faith, merit, etc...but only by the pure grace of God poured out on our lives.

We want to thank YOU too for your faithfulness to stand with and wait with our family, on the Lord. Thank you for your faithful prayers, financial support, words of encouragement, and love which are such an important part to play in our lives, and the Lord's work over here. We are so grateful to God for you, and all that you do! May He bless you "abundantly above what you can ask or imagine" through Himself; and His own goodness, grace, mercy, love, patience, and faithfulness.

### **PRAISES:**

- \*God's faithfulness
- \*God's good and gracious provision  
for all our needs
- \*Faithful family and friends who  
support us in every way
- \*3 more years granted on missionary  
visa for Kenya!
- \*Ben wants to be baptized

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- \*That we would walk by faith and not  
by sight
- \*That we would use these next 3  
years to the glory of God!
- \*For continued spiritual growth; in the  
lives of those in our family, and the  
men in the ministry
- \*For the climate of Kenya as  
upcoming elections are nearing
- \*For continued health and safety