

**All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the Lord.**

Isaiah 66:2

His Hand

MARCH UPDATE

The last letter we wrote was an update full of praise and thanksgiving, basking in the goodness of the Lord in our lives. God's grace has indeed been sufficient for us, and even abundantly overflowing. We feel blessed beyond measure (most days) to be back in Kenya, in our own home, way of life, and routine again...and being able to be used of God as part of His perfect plan in saving souls for Himself!

But we write to you this time telling of how learning to look for His hand in every situation has really brought big blessing in our lives-even, (and sometimes especially) in the more challenging times. We have been so very encouraged to see His hand in so many ways, every day! Where, when we had not been looking before, we were missing not only the recognition, but the realization that He cares for us even in the details and the "small" things, confirming His care and concern for us. This has been such a comfort to know and remember especially in the challenging times: including but not excluded to, the "normal" challenges of daily life with a large family of small children as missionaries in a third culture country, etc. We are comforted and encouraged to know that HE knows us personally, and our every need and He has it all in control, in His mighty and able hands. We are learning to take hold of these hands and let Him lead, and lift us up again, when we do stumble and fall, or when we are afraid.

We have been "getting our house in order" (in more ways than one!) It has been a tremendous task, but very rewarding at the same time. I believe the Lord has honored our decision, because the fruits we are seeing are sweet! Praise Him! We are in the on-going process of "renewing our minds" and trying to learn and cultivate the heart of Christ in all areas (including our marriage, family, and our own personal walks with the Lord), in addition to namely "outside ministry."

God is good, and He has also allowed multiple opportunities to be used of Him in the lives of others-by His grace. We have had various opportunities to share Jesus with those around us, just with our very lives and testimony, and are learning to truly view the daily dealings with people I pass, or interact with-in this very relational country/culture-as a real ministry opportunity. To see the Lord use this, (in addition to more "formal" ministry opportunities) has been such an encouragement and affirmation of what we feel He has been teaching us. The story below serves as a simple example of ordinary people being used by an extraordinary God!

We celebrated the resurrection of our risen Savior this year with those who believe this good news, as well as with some who did not yet. But our Lord is alive and still working miracles of raising the dead to life again in Him, changing hearts and lives for the glory of His glorious name!

We hosted a last minute sunrise service for the people in our compound. It went REALLY well, and we feel like the Lord really blessed it and used it! :) We just handed out hand written invitations the day before, and prayed the Lord would use us and bring those He wanted to come. The kids helped hand out the homemade invitations, pray for the people who would be coming, set up chairs and table/food, and sing.

At least one person from each house was represented there that morning, (except one neighbor who has traveled for the holiday). Most everyone came and we just sang a few songs, sang our "special song" (the Lily of the Valley) as a family

practicing for church later, read the resurrection story from scripture and Brad shared the Gospel message before praying to close. After sharing how Jesus died, was buried, and rose again-He is alive today, and coming again, he asked and emphasized the question "are you ready?" Then we shared together in food and fellowship, and handed out Gospel tracts. It was simple and yet so neat to get to actually talk to some of the people who we live right among, yet do not spend time with! There are not many people who live in our compound, and most of the adults are out every day-so we see the kids, (and are so thankful for their friendship), but the adults we hardly ever even see! We were just SO blessed that anyone came at all. They all stayed around to eat afterwards and it felt quite comfortable and like they were blessed that we would want to do something to initiate fellowship with one another of those others in the compound. We had made cookie plates and handed these with homemade cards to each of our neighbors...they loved it! The sunrise service was something that we were able to do together as a family...and this was special! And so, later that night when we learned that one of the "gatekeepers" (formally involved in the Rojo cult) trusted in Christ for his salvation for the first time that morning...we ALL got to rejoice and thank the Lord together!!! We really feel like the Lord just blessed it, and had His hand in everything (because it was so last minute and imperfect), that it could only be of Him! We are so blessed and grateful to be able to be used of Him however He chooses. We are looking forward as a family to future opportunities to further connect and communicate the love of Jesus with the neighbors living right around us. Also, that we would just continue to allow the Lord to use us however He sees fit: discipling people/pastors, sharing with others the work He has done/is doing in our lives and family, sharing the love of Jesus in all areas of life!

Thank you for your part in our lives personally, and what the Lord is doing here in Kenya, Africa. We are so thankful for you and all that you do. May God bless you, as you are such a big blessing to us!

In Christ,

Brad and Ellie Harris

He Has Risen



He Has Risen Indeed!



Sunrise service Easter morning



Ellie, Ben, Rachel and Layla (our friend) read verses for Easter morning service.



Our family sang a song for the Easter morning service.



James, (formally involved in the Rojo cult) trusted in Christ for his salvation on Easter morning!

Praises

- That we serve a risen LORD!
- James' salvation
- Ellie and I growing together
- Seeing God work in and through our lives
- Our home
- For Gods faithful hand in our lives.

Prayer requests

- Health and Safety.
- Society TBM Kenya.
- Our paper work renewal coming up soon.
- Visitors coming (FSB team, family, and intern).
- That we be aware and act on the opportunities that are put before us.
- That we would continue to cultivate our relationships with others (marriage, family, ministry) and with the LORD.