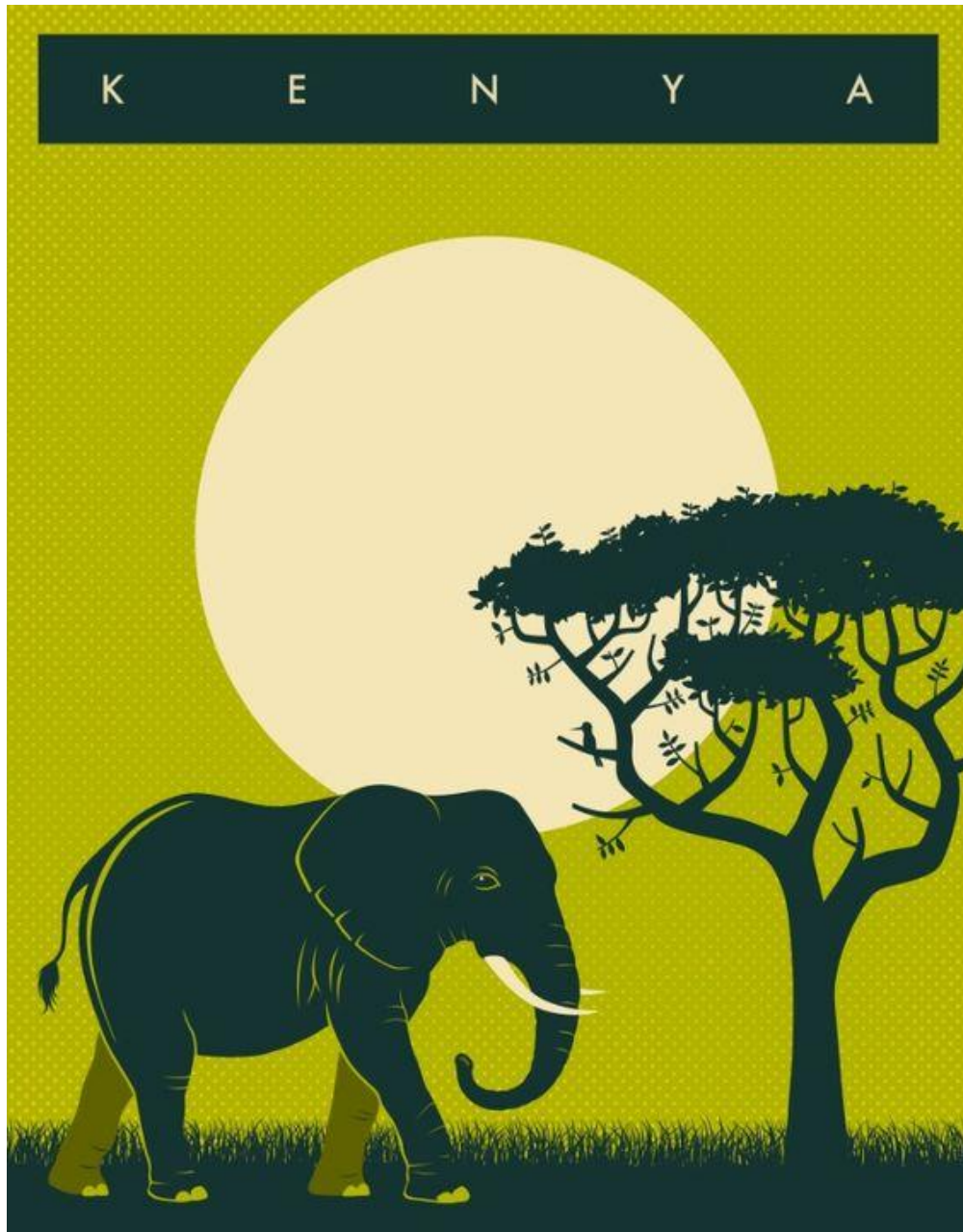




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Karibu Kenya...

Welcome to Kenya!!

I have reached Kenya and I couldn't be more excited! After a scare at the Denver airport where I thought two of my four trunks were not going to make it on the plane, the rest of the trip over "the pond" was uneventful. Praise the Lord and thank you so much for praying for my travels.

I was greeted at the airport in Kenya by my family and I was so overjoyed to see them. Unfortunately, I think I might have brought a cold with me from home as my first days here I have not been feeling well. Today I'm feeling better and I'm on my way to getting into the swing of things again here in Kenya. Thank you again to all who have been praying for my health and my transition back to life in Kenya.

I will be here in Kisumu with my family for a few more days, then I will travel right outside Nairobi where the language school I will be attending is. I will be there learning the Swahili language and learning about East African culture. I'm excited to be able to have this opportunity, where the Lord has set aside a time for me to learn more about the people and culture I will be ministering to.

I will be honest though, I am intimidated...and have some fears of learning a new language and culture, even though I have been here in Kenya many times. I am more of a visual (see and touch) learner and don't always feel comfortable in classroom settings. Shade School of Language and Culture, the language

school I will be attending, has a mix of both classroom and hands on learning for which I'm thankful for. If you could pray along with me for my time at school I would be forever grateful!

My prayer during my time at school is:

-Not to be afraid of making a fool of myself in trying to speak the language.... It's hard for me to be vulnerable in new situations and in the classroom...pray for the Lords boldness in stepping out of my comfort zone

-To ask many questions....As I don't want to seem like my not listening...pray the Lord gives me willingness to raise my hand

-Understanding....Having a mind to know what is being taught....pray the Lord will give me an open mind and heart that can be taught

-Have a good time...As learning new things can be hard and time consuming for me....pray the Lord helps me to see and take opportunities to relax and enjoy this time of learning



Update on Visa...

So, it seems again things have changed, which I am not surprised by as things in Kenya often do. After much prayer, emails and discussions about what is best, we have come to the conclusion that my visitor's visa will allow me to be in the country for 6 months where I will be learning more about East African Culture and Language. We thought previously that because my learning was for my ministry it was considered to be work, where by then I would need a special pass, but it is not considered work, I am just a visitor learning about African culture.

As of right now, I will be here in Kenya for 6 months at language school where at the end of that 6 months I will return to the US until I have received my work permit.

In the meantime, we are praying, and I ask you to pray as well, that during my 6 months here God will open the door and something will change in the Immigration laws and I will be allowed to apply for my work permit while I'm still in Kenya. God knows what is happening and He has a plan...I trust in His timing and in the plan that He has.

Thank you all so very much for all of your faithful prayers and encouragements though out this journey so far. There are many more twists and turns ahead and I'm so grateful to have you along with me. I will say it over and over again....I couldn't be here without you and the interceding you are doing on my behalf. I think of you often and the blessings you are in my life. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Because of His Grace

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