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September Update

Another month has come and gone by, and a lot has happened/is happening that we want to share with you. Thank you for following along with us on our "Journey with Jesus."

One big highlight would be to see the growth that is happening with TBMKenya (which is what we call the "umbrella" covering TBM missionaries to be in Kenya).

The board of members for TBMKenya is growing. Ellie stepped down from being an official board member, in order to open up the position for someone else that we would love to have on the board of TBM Kenya. Ellie will always be as involved as possible and an integral part of what the Lord is doing through our family and the ministry here anyway. So, we felt it was fine to allow room for future growth. We were very blessed by this new member (Pastor Samson, whom we have known from the very beginning) to be willing, not only to "sit" on the board, but also to ask how they can further be of help, as members of the board, to those TBM Kenya is seeking to serve.

On a second note, we have fellow servants coming, who will/may also end up serving alongside our family as "future missionaries" to Kenya.

After much prayer and time, it seems the Lord sees fit to send my sister to Kenya where she has started her life as a full-time missionary with Tentmakers Bible mission! She arrived around the last week of September, and after spending some time together with our family, has settled in Nairobi and started her studies of Kenyan language and culture. Please pray for clarity of mind, peace of heart, and for her focus to remain on learning about and loving the Lord and His people, always.



My sister (LeAnn) is coming full time to serve in Kenya. She will be at language school for 3-6 months.

There is the possibility of another young family, who (maybe) joining us as well? Nathaniel and Kara McRae are coming in October on a vision/scouting trip to see if maybe the Lord would also have them come to Kenya to serve as a family. Of course, we are eager at the thought of another family to have as friends. And we are encouraged to see this as an opportunity for further, future growth as more missionaries come to Kenya with TBM, to do teaching and discipling ministries. But most of all, we are excited to see what the Lord is doing and how he is working! And we feel so blessed to be a part of it. Overall, both with the TBMKenya board growing, as well as fellow missionaries coming to join...we are encouraged and excited for fresh eyes, ears, and perspective that can come with the growth of ordinary people, who serve an extraordinary God!

We would appreciate prayers for all of us, in all of this, as God is growing us. Please pray for happy and healthy relationships, open and honest communication, and true, sweet fellowship among all those we are here to serve alongside of. We would love prayer for wisdom and guidance in how to handle the change that inevitably happens with growth. We are trusting God's perfect plan and purposes to unfold according to HIS time.

We were really blessed by an unexpected visitor, whom we were connected with by some mutual friends. Not only were we blessed by her being here...but we were also reminded of God's goodness and grace in the lives of those who love Him. And we were encouraged by the reminder that God has a purpose for our lives, according to His perfect timing and plan.



Our new friend Ines stayed for a couple of weeks.

Our family has had and will still be having several visitors in our home through the end of the year. We have some very special friends who will be returning for a visit, and we are all excited about this, as we have prayed and waited for so long! And they will also be having a team from their church join us over here, and we will all work together to try to serve the Lord, by being servants to others.

We would appreciate prayers for our family as we seek to honor the Lord, by honoring others in the area of "hosting." Please pray that we would use our time wisely, for energy and stamina, good health, protection, rest, good connections with our marriage and with our children, and with our visitors, open communication, and focus. Since it is "All to be done for the glory of God" that we would not "forget" to include Him in our daily lives, even when it is busy (probably when we need to find our strength in Him most).

Also, we would appreciate prayers starting now, for our "tentative" plan of coming to the States for a visit next year (March/April 2019). Although we have not done much in the area of planning (or even thinking about it) yet. With everything else going on, we would love for others to be in prayer with us in this matter. Surely, the same specific points mentioned above, would apply for our trip to the States as well.

As we begin to think about taking a "leave of absence" for the time we will be in the States, my mind does wonder whether the men will continue to meet weekly to study the Word. Or more importantly, if their faith will continue to grow strong and steadfast, or will it waver and wane without consistent accountability and instruction? I need to remember that it is the Lord alone Who can save and sustain them. While I am grateful to be used as a tool in His hands - He is the only One Who can penetrate people's hearts and therefore, change their lives.



The Lord encouraged my heart this past week in one of my classes. There were a couple of new guys in my Monday meeting, who had been invited by a couple of those who regularly come. The 2 new guys had a lot of questions, particularly regarding whether or not we can "lose the Holy Spirit." Well, we had just began the study of the Holy Spirit a couple of weeks ago. So, this was one of those rare and precious times where I was able to sit back and listen a bit, while my regular guys were the ones sharing with their own friends, what they have been learning. I was so blessed to see this Scripture lived out: "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2 Please continue to pray for the pastors in the classes as they continue to come and learn and grow.

We are so grateful to God for you, and ALL that you do to support our family and the work He has called us to in Kenya. Your generosity of finances, encouragements, prayers, and love are such a vital part to this ministry of life we are living here. Thank you for your faithfulness in the way you love the Lord, and others. May God bless you, as you are such a blessing to us!

In Christ,

Brad Harris

PRAYER REQUESTS:

*For planning/preparations for a visit to the States

*For TBMKenya as it grows (board members and missionaries)

*For this season of being blessed to have various visitors in our home: that our family as a whole would both seek to be a blessing, and see the blessing that it is

*For the men in my classes to continue to "grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

PRAISES:

*For growth of TBMKenya (board members and missionaries)

*For personal growth in our walks with the Lord

*For visitors

*For God's goodness and faithfulness in our lives

*For the way the Lord encourages our hearts in Him



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