



***beyond the shore into the  
waves...***



Have you ever stood in the waves of the ocean...far enough out that you can feel the tide pulling you out into the water? I have and I don't like it...not one bit.

But I love the beach.

I love the sand and how it closes in around my feet.

I love the briny smell and the taste of salt in the air.

I love the wind that comes sweeping in with every wave.

I love the sound and the deafening noise it makes when you are close and the soft hum when you are at a distance.

I love the beauty and power of every wave that comes crashing down.

I love how small it makes me feel and how it puts life in perspective.

Standing in front of this beautiful and powerful creation I am reminded of the One who created it...I'm in awe every time I see it.

But when I'm at the beach, I don't venture out into the water. I stand just far enough out that the water runs over my feet...but not any farther. I don't like the feeling of being pulled out into the water by the tide. It makes me feel out of control...and I don't like it.

There is this song called You Make Me Brave by Bethel Music....part of the lyrics say...

*You make me brave*

*You called me out beyond the shore*

*into the waves*

I love this picture of the Lord calling me out beyond the safety of the shore, out into the unknown of the waves. I love that it's Him that makes me brave, because without Him I would never leave the shore...because He is in control.





During the month of June, I had the privilege of doing some long-distance traveling. I love the opportunities the Lord gives us! He will always direct our steps when we seek Him and are open to any opportunity He brings us.

The Lord allowed my friend Abbie and her daughter to travel with me, first to a new church in Minnesota and then to a supporting church in South Dakota. The days were long but being able to share in new places and updating supporting churches is always a blessing.



The month of July was all about VBS. One of the themes was African Safari...and I was the safari tour guide. Not only did I get the chance to tell them about Africa, I was able to teach the kids some Swahili as well. I love when the Lord gives me opportunities to share the language that I have learned. It was so fun to be with the kids.

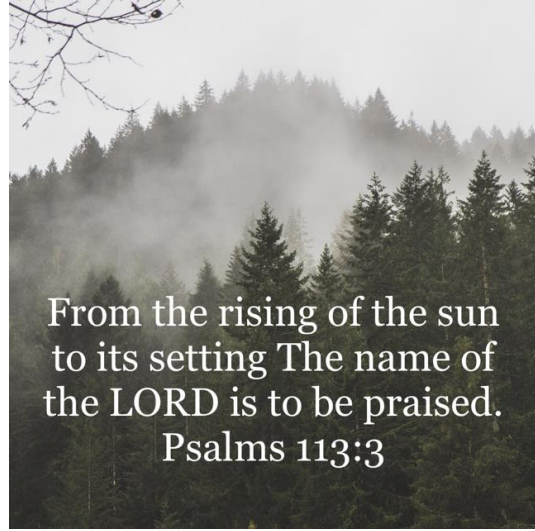


August slowed down just a bit, but I was back on the road and able to share more about what the Lord is doing in Kenya.

**Philippians 1:6**

**"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"**





As September came and went, it was a whirlwind of new encounters. Some good friends of mine took me to the Pacific Northwest, somewhere I have always wanted to visit. It was a wonderful visit and the Lord gave me opportunities to share about what He is doing! What an unexpected blessing it was to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones.

**God is so good...He is doing great things...**

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe  
Hakuna popote

*(There's no God like you, none at all)*

As we continue to wait on my work permit, I'm happy to say there has been some progress.

We found out that because this is my first time applying, Kenya's immigration wants to do a site visit of the Tentmakers Bible Mission Kenya's office. They will be checking to see if we are a real society, what we are doing, and what I will be doing when I return. Most importantly, they will determine if a Kenyan can do what I will be doing. If my work can be done by a Kenyan, there is no need for me to be there. That's how they see it. As far as I know there isn't any Kenyans doing what I will be doing, so there shouldn't be a problem.

We were first told that our office had to be on a commercial property but were later informed that was not the case. So, we have prepared the office we have now and have invited immigration to come and see it.

I'm told this is going to be the long wait. I can't imagine, as I feel as though the wait has already been long. But like most things in Kenya and even more so when it



comes to government processes, things move very slowly and it will happen in the timing of the person that will be coming to visit. We can pray the Lord will move them to come quickly and this part of the wait will be over.

## **Keeping focused.....**

As the Lord works diligently on my work permit, I will continue to serve Him where I am. He has given me so many opportunities to share about what He is doing and I'm so grateful. There is no lack of need on this side of the pond and I'm honored to be working with the Lord in the things He brings my way.

As well as taking opportunities to serve, taking the time to grow closer to the Lord and cultivating my relationship with Him is so very important. There is nothing I can do apart from Him and I want to know and understand my identity in Him and always put Him first. Keeping my focus on HIM...where it needs to be, will continue to help me in this waiting period.

### **Colossians 3:1-3**

**"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God"**

Asanta sana...kwa kuja na safari hii (thank you very much for coming along on this journey).

As the body of Christ, it's such a blessing to have you along with me, supporting me and interceding for me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do. If you will, please continue to pray for the work the Lord is doing both in me and through me, here and over in Kenya.

I would love to hear how you are doing and how the Lord is growing you. Please let me know how I can be praying for you more specifically.

Because of His grace

God Bless

LeAnn\*

#### PRAISE

- Progress with work permit
- Sharing what the Lord is doing
- Sharing with the lost
- My identity in Christ
- God's word
- Time with supporters
- Travel mercies
- The fall season

#### PRAYER

- Work permit
- Immigration to "come quickly"
- Monthly support
- Focus on Christ
- Sharing what the Lord is teaching me
- Upcoming Missions Conference