



## What a month!!!

Wow! Where did August go? We have been so busy that the month came and went without a newsletter.

As y'all can tell by the pictures, the cow had a heifer (which Hope named Cocoa) and Octavia had four beautiful kittens, which we have thoroughly enjoyed.

No, your eyes are not deceiving you, we really had a hippo in our front yard, it was munching on our green grass until we shoed it back to the lake. Never a dull moment!

As we mentioned in our previous letter, we had a week long convention from Aug 17-23. We had the privilege of teaching a daily VBS class for the children. Betty Bishop, a.k.a. Mama Betty, taught on the birth of Jesus. We then proceeded with His baptism, and His temptation. Next, we talked about many of His miracles and the children even participated by acting out some of them; thus the photo of the paralytic on the mat that was lowered through the roof by his friends. (Thank God for awesome friends!)

We then taught about Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and accession (you could have heard a pin drop). We ended the week teaching about how Jesus is coming back for those who believe. A lot of the children expressed an interest in being baptized, so we are planning a lakefront baptism for December.

During two sessions, Bear was given the opportunity to preach and boy, did he preach! We got to pray and encourage many precious people who attended the convention. All in all, it was a tiring but well-spent week.

The trade school is coming along. Due to red tape with the government, we weren't able to open Sept. 1, but we should be up and running come January.

All three of us are adjusting to our new lifestyle, including losing 50 pounds each, eating new foods, and picking up the Luo language fairly well.





All the Sunday school children say, "THANKS!" to Pastors John & Jeana and our church family at LFO for the surprise package of goodies.

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This is our 4<sup>th</sup> letter, so in case you have not received any of them, please let us know. Also, if you are ever contacted by someone here via mail or email, let us know, as we would never give out your personal info without checking with you first.

Grace and Peace,

*Bear, Tracy & Hope*

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