

Tucker Tabloid & Jessen Journal

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Greetings from all of us at Matoso village on Lake Victoria. Mom & Dad have accomplished a lot while we were on furlough. As you can see from the photos three new fish tanks have been constructed and the catfish are doing well. The boy's dorms are coming along nicely and are ready for the roof this coming week. On June 25th our little bull named Samson was born and is growing very strong.

When we left in May the foundation had been dug for Izzy's house, then five short months later we prayed, dedicated and ate in her new home for the first time on Oct 14, needless to say Izzy is very happy.

Hope remained in the US to attend college so she is greatly missed by Grama, Grampa, Mom, & Dad as well as all the staff and students. She sent gifts back for the girls and the boys were blessed with some sunglasses. This has been a great year with the students with many of them giving their hearts to Jesus and falling deeper in love with Him. Those that began in January are about to write their government trade test the week of Dec 4th so we covet your prayers for them. This past week we have received news that four members in our community have passed away. One being Marissa a blind widow whom mom and dad have supported for years. Another being Judith, the wife of our watchman Joel. The third being a young father named Peter (not pictured) who worked on some of the construction projects. Lastly we lost one of our Sunday school members named Briton (7 yrs) who went to town to visit his Aunt, where he was struck by a car. Our prayers are with all these families.



The other thing that occurred while we were away was Mom & Dad celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 24th which we were very proud of but wish we could have celebrated with them. Thanks to Jeff, Sue and many of our aunts and uncles we were able to send them away for a few days of rest and relaxation.

Mom, Dad & the crew worked tirelessly to rid the house we stay in of bats and cockroaches for which we are eternally grateful. It felt like we came back to a brand new house.

We really missed all the children in our Sunday school program. The team we left in charge did a great job and we were well received our 1st Sunday back with 244 children. The kids really loved the sun glasses we were able to bring back. (Thanks Ms. Debbie & Mr. Dewayne) A young man from our home church, Dustin Cooley came back with us for 2 months and he has been a tremendous blessing.

We are anticipating many new students in the New Year so we are extremely busy with finishing the dorms, getting more bunk beds made, drawing up plans to enlarge the dining hall, build another classroom and administration block with offices. There are two deaf schools that want to send some students so everyone on the compound is learning Kenya Sign Language.

We know that it is because of your faithful prayers and support that all of us are here able to carry on the work of the Lord.

Love Tom, Marg, Bear & Tracy

Prayer Requests:

1. For all the families who have lost loved ones in the past week.
2. Pray for peace in Kenya, despite two elections there is still unrest which makes it very difficult to travel to town for supplies.
3. For good health as mom and dad have dealt with infections lately.

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