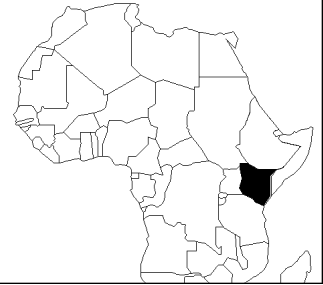




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Dear Friends,

Too much time has passed since we last wrote. We have a great deal to share with you in order to report just how effective your prayers have been on our behalf!

### **Nashville: Our furlough home!**

We are currently living in Nashville, Tennessee. Nashville was our home for four years before we left for Kenya, so it is easy to feel "at home" here.

The day before we drove to Nashville to look for housing, we received an e-mail from a friend in Ecuador telling us to contact a doctor at Vanderbilt regarding possible housing. Within two hours of sending out an e-mail, we received a phone call inviting us to stay in a missionary guest house near the medical center. So, until mid-May 2001, we are guests of the generous folks at Woodmont Baptist Church! They offered us a comfortable, fully furnished three-bedroom home rent-free! Please join us in praising God for their kindness and generosity.

### **Dr. Suzie: Instructor of Clinical Medicine, Vanderbilt University!**

Our first clue that God was opening up doors for our family to furlough in Nashville actually came about a year before we returned home.

Suzie was invited to work part-time in the Internal Medicine and Pediatrics department of Vanderbilt University Hospital. She is also working with residents-in-training at the Veterans Administration Hospital. This is proving to be a great opportunity for Suzie to reacquaint herself with



American medicine prior to her re-certification exam in Internal Medicine in the spring.

### **Dave: Coursework at Emmanuel School of Religion!**

This furlough everyone gets to hit the books! I am doing further course work at Emmanuel School of Religion in East Tennessee in their Doctor of Ministry program. I recently completed a missions course with Dr. Gerald H. Anderson and a leadership course with Dr. Alan Ahlgrim. I hope to complete this program next furlough.

### **Rebekah: 5th Grade at David Lipscomb Middle School!**

Rebekah was admitted to Lipscomb campus's middle school despite long waiting lists! What a blessing it is to have our girls in a Christian school where high academic standards are held along with a strong commitment to Christian principles. Rebekah loves her teachers, and has made some good friends.



Judging from her report card, she takes after her mother!

### **Lauren: 1st Grade at David Lipscomb Elementary School!**

Lauren was admitted to Lipscomb campus's elementary school despite long waiting lists! Lauren loves her teacher and has made many friends. She attended her first roller skating birthday party this past weekend. She had a blast and gave her father a real workout. She will be the first to tell you that her dad only fell down once ... *real hard!*



### **Rich Summer of Travel in 2000!**

We enjoyed a marathon summer of furlough reporting, visiting our supporting churches in Houston, San Antonio, Choctaw (Oklahoma), Chicago, and Nashville. We were warmly encouraged every place we went as we logged about 10,000 miles of travel, all but 3,000 miles by ground transportation.

Family visits were wonderful as we saw relatives in Chicago, Houston, and Vancouver (Washington). We are blessed with a very supportive family. For the many of you who have asked how my father is doing, he continues to make slow, steady progress in his recovery from quadruple bypass surgery and a mild stroke. This past fall, Mom and Dad Snyder flew down to Nashville twice in order to care for the girls while we traveled.

### **Fall Medical Missions Conferences!**

This has been a new experience for us this furlough. We participated in two great medical missions conferences this past fall. We both served as guest speakers at The Cove, the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, North Carolina. Suzie was one of

the main speakers, addressing patient care in the bush, while I spoke to the spouses on the topic of effective partnership in medical ministry. Our second conference took us to Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Suzie presented the workshop, "A Day in the Life of a Medical Missionary," while I represented CMF in the display area and on a panel discussion for mission agencies. It was encouraging to meet many medical students and healthcare professionals who are considering God's call on their lives to be medical missionaries.



*Ewaso Ng'iro Clinic.*

### Field Ministry Update!

The Ewaso Ng'iro Clinic continues to minister to many patients in a great facility thanks to your sacrificial giving. We have heard from our teammates that the clinic system we helped to establish continues to function well in our absence. **Please continue to pray for John Sankok in his service as clinic administrator, and that the clinics will continue to be a powerful witness of the love of Christ for the Maasai.**

### Coming up in 2001 ...

Please pray with us for the following:

- Rain and recovery in Maasailand. Thank you to the many of you who sent in gifts to help feed the hardest hit families during the drought. Some rain has fallen, but much more rain and time are needed for the land and the people to recover. We are still hopeful that international food relief will be available in early 2001.
- Spring preparations for our return to Kenya. International moves provide a real challenge for our family of four. (We don't know how our teammates with more children manage!) Pray for wisdom and patience as we go about purchasing, packing, and

shipping the supplies we will need over the next three years.

- In May, Suzie will take a re-certification exam in Internal Medicine. Please pray for her to have the time and energy to study and prepare for this important test.
- In June, we plan to visit our supporting churches in South Texas. We were only able to make a quick stop in many places last summer.
- Our return to Kenya for our third term in late June or early July 2001.

Thank you for your prayers, and God bless you in the new year!

Your partners in medical ministry to the Maasai,

*Dave & Suzie*  
Dave and Suzie

### Dear Prayer Partners (old and new),

We need your help! It has been a long time since we updated our list of prayer partners. Please help us to be better communicators of our prayer needs by filling out the following information and sending it to us in care of CMF at the address below. We value your partnership and appreciate your prayers on behalf of our family and for the fruitfulness of our ministry.

Thanks,  
Dave and Suzie

Dear Dave & Suzie,

God has put you on our hearts. We will pray for your family and your ministry as you continue serving Him in the new year. We commit to pray for you:

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