

Harveys: From Out of East Africa

Even though we have enjoyed the nice house-sitting situation in Nairobi near the airport, it is just too far away from Yuda's school and other areas we frequent most often. Typically, it takes 60 minutes to take Yuda to school in the morning (20 miles), but 90 minutes to drive home in the afternoon. On rainy days, it has taken as long as 3 ½ hours one way! So, **Praise that from July through December we will house sit for another family, a professor whose house is on the University campus** where



Yuda's school is located and where Tammie will begin taking some graduate classes in August. (Her student permit is in process.) **Pray as we look for longer-term affordable housing on that side of town, or for campus housing to become available in January.** Cutting out the commute will be nice, but Tammie will miss the home fellowship group which she has taken turns hosting.



Brad participated in the consultation of the Gospel of Luke in March. He is verifying all the recommended changes have been incorporated into the text while the translators go back and incorporate into the Gospel of Mark all the new things they learned. Brad will proofread Mark in June and then meet with the translators to do Exegesis with them in July. Brad, others in the EAB, and

the translators have met with the local level church leaders many times over the past few years. Now is the time for the local churches to select about 20 mother tongue speakers to work as Reviewers (proof readers), and Brad will lead a training session for them for a few days in July.

Brad also continues to gather linguistic data to use in the grammatical analysis of the language to help in writing a descriptive grammar for his PhD . He needs to write a few chapters before he goes to Holland in September, where he'll attend a seminar on African languages and linguistics and then have 2 weeks of advisement with his supervisors. **Praise for the progress in the translations and language analysis.**

Brad has had three severe allergic reactions since Christmas, so he recently visited an allergist. He is pretty severely allergic to grasses and is also fairly allergic to mold and dust mites. We still need to test a few other things, especially laundry soaps. These allergies have been causing some breathing difficulties. **Please pray his various body chemistry levels can be brought back to within “normal” ranges.** He is also still on medications to raise his thyroid and lower his cholesterol levels.

In April, Bradley and Tammie traveled to the US to attend a “Families in Global Transition” (FIGT) Conference near Washington, DC. Then they took advantage of the rest of Bradley’s term break and used the opportunity to visit 9 University and College campuses to help Bradley get a feel for things and narrow down his choices. He chose 2 which he visited during the trip, and Milligan, our alma mater, is still in his top 3 as well. So next year, he will take his college entrance exams, make applications, and begin applying for scholarships and other financial aid, etc. He is interested in studying fine arts, so is looking at Christian Liberal Arts colleges with smaller campuses that are near family or close friends that can give him support as he adjusts to American culture, since we won’t be nearby. **Pray for us in this whole new world of college applications (it has changed a lot since our time!)**



Bradley has the male lead in one of the three, one-act plays his High School is putting on in a couple of weeks, and his artist skills are growing and flourishing. He’s also maintaining a good GPA in a very competitive academic environment while enjoying art, theatre, some community service projects, and some weekend sports activities. While in the US, he passed his written driving test to obtain his learner’s permit. Though he didn’t get a lot of opportunity to drive, he did get to practice on grandma’s Cadillac and grandpa’s classic Mercedes.

Yuda is enjoying school despite more than 2 hours a day spent in the car commuting. It gives him a chance to finish his homework in the car before he even gets home. When that is done, he plays on his PSP or catches a nap. He is progressing well and will enjoy living closer to school friends for ease of arranging fun times with friends. He will be attending a summer camp at the end of July with some of his other classmates.



Morrie played on the field hockey team last term and has played volleyball this term. She had a small part in the Jr. High play last term and is also gifted in music, though she has struggled to juggle it all in the midst of the transition to boarding school. Mid-term grades show that she seems to be getting the juggling act down a little better now. It hasn’t helped that she has also struggled with staying healthy; she has had her share of visits to the infirmary which also contributed to falling behind in school work, but she’s been caught up for the last few weeks and is making good grades overall. **Pray for the kids to stay healthy and to get the most from their educational opportunities.**

We have really been blessed by having our Nissan Patrol SUV for over ten years now. It was the perfect vehicle for our ministry and family needs over the years, but as our ministry and family situation have evolved, we don't need the 4WD vehicle anymore. The sale of the Patrol should be complete in late June or early July to other PBT missionaries. We've already bought a 2004 Nissan Serena mini-van in Kenya. We "snatched it up" when it was about \$3,000 cheaper than other similar vehicles we had priced. Having a car in each country will save us from having to buy additional insurance and an import license every time we cross the border. Brad can travel back and forth between Kenya and Tanzania by plane cheaper than driving, and in 3 hrs instead of 2 days. **Praise for our new vehicle in Kenya.**



Praise that we celebrated our 26th anniversary on May 24th at the Karen Blixen estate (remember the movie "Out of Africa"?). Brad drove a day and a half to be there and arrived just 15 minutes before our reservation. He brought a fully-loaded truck with some furniture that we are shifting from Morogoro to Nairobi. We had hoped to maintain the Morogoro house as a guest house to provide hospitality to others in addition to Brad's residence. But since December, we have had some theft from the house, so we've realized we cannot maintain the house with Brad

being gone so frequently. We will close out the house, and it will revert back to the branch's over-sight at the end of July. Brad has arranged a place to stay with other missionary friends whenever he is in Morogoro, not far from the PBT office. This is a cheaper option and will free up much needed time (from maintenance and worker issues) for Brad to focus on translation checking and grammar analysis & writing for his PhD.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family and our work as we continue some transitioning over the next few months.

Many Blessings,

The Harvey Family

- Pray for Tammie's student paperwork to be processed quickly and for longer-term housing options.***
- Praise for another house-sitting situation Jul-Dec on the University campus.***
- Pray that all of us are able to get and stay healthy & make good progress in our studies and work.***
- Continue praying for safe travels for all of us: on the roads or rails and in the air.***
- Pray as we begin navigating the college application process for Bradley long-distance.***
- Praise for the milestones achieved in our lives and work.***