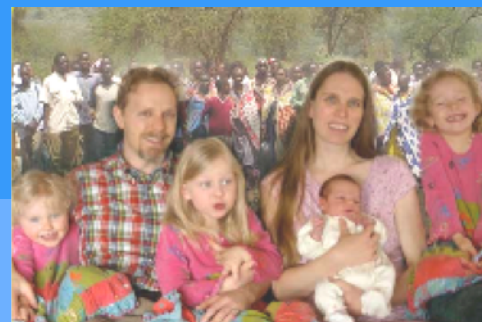


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Prayer Requests

✚ That Kenyans will look to God to ask Him what are justice and grace and power as they consider the Ocampo 6 trial and the 2012 elections.

✚ That we will all turn to God for peace instead of fear and violence as a result of the Ocampo 6 trial or the 2012 election season.

✚ For the Maasai women's conference this week.

✚ We still need to move to a larger house. The next door house will be available in June. However, the rent is substantially higher. Please pray that God will provide sufficient funding for just the right place for our family as we minister.

✚ Please continue to pray for our ministries of training and curriculum development.

Dear Friends,

Kira supat. Ketii enchan. Kenyorri enkop. Etubulutua inkera. (We're well. There is rain. The land is green. The children are growing.) Zerachiah is 13 months and climbs anything he can. Eliana and Hannah now say they are 3 ½ and 5 ½. And Alitzah, not yet 7 ½, objects to being called little, protesting "I'll be 9 next year. ... I'll be 8 this year."

Stewardship Curriculum

Joshua has finished his weekly mentoring of Jim and Patrick, but our work on a stewardship curriculum is only beginning. The Maasai believers are facing the question of how to fund the ministries to which they are committed. Missionaries and pastors have taught many times on stewardship, yet most people, even hearing, have not heard the message. Even in America, polls show that while non-Christians give 2.5%, Christians (of all groups) is only 2.7%. As Joshua and I address this teaching we are searching God. **Acts 15:10** says, "Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear?" How should we teach on stewardship without placing a legalistic burden neither Israel nor the church has been able to bear? What is the root of their/our not hearing?

Women's Conference

This week is the Maasai Women's Conference at Ewaso Ng'iro. Ruth will be teaching a two hour session on Sunday School activities (on Tuesday, 12 April).

Even with this conference, the women are struggling with the issue of funding.

Ocampo 6 Trials and the 2012 Kenyan elections

The Ocampo 6 are six Kenyan public figures who are being tried in The Hague, under allegations that they were significantly involved in the post-election violence of '07-'08. However, only 61% of Kenyans are in favor of the ICC prosecution. At least for some, there is a sense that the trials won't

solve the problem of tribalism but will only cause it to intensify, perhaps even with renewed violence. They see that what happened in '07 and '08 is a problem "in the heart of man" and that what the violence showed is that there is no one who can cast the first stone. At the same time, there is tension as the '12 election campaign is beginning and people are beginning to consider for whom they should vote.

grace & peace & thanks,

Joshua & Ruth