

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying; My Counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure." Isaiah 46:10

Cut Down and Uproot

Have you ever tried to cut down and uproot something that has become a hazard in your life? It can appear to be an overwhelming job, especially if you don't have the right kind of tools! You're going to need a lot of time, muscle, sweat, a huge dose of perseverance, and a little help from your friends. I equate our time here in the States with uprooting this stump! My husband

assures me that if you dig down deep enough and carefully sever all the surface roots that have branched out, you can get to the tap root underneath. Once you've severed that it "comes right out!"



We thought we'd be back in Africa by now but Proverbs 16:9 says, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps...The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." This is the first time in 15 years that we have stayed off the field for six months. We can't put a value on the time we have spent with our adult children. The Lord knew exactly what we needed. The plan now is to return the end of this month.

Ministry Update



Exciting things are happening at Agape. Our staff is multiplying. Blake and Esther, our Directors, are holding up well by grace after receiving two large work teams over the past two months.

Chris and Tammy Page will join us this month in Kisumu with their children: Sutton, Connor, Seth, and Lyla. The Pages are from Raleigh, North Carolina. They are really excited about God's calling on their lives and their involvement as missionaries with Agape. Chris will be



servicing as the primary missionary at the Main Campus, which ministers to the 140 former street boys and other disadvantaged children from

the local community. Tammy will continue in her role as a stay-at-home mom, supporting Chris in his work at Agape and ministering to and home-schooling their four kids. Chris will focus upon three major areas at the Main Campus:

- **Discipleship:** The primary goal of Agape Children's Ministry is to reach these boys for Jesus. Chris will work with Pastor Joel at Agape to disciple and teach the boys about their Savior, Jesus Christ. Chris also plans to establish Bible studies with the staff at the Main Campus to encourage their walk with Jesus, as well.
- **Development:** Chris will also be helping to train and equip the Kenyan management staff at the Main Campus to become better leaders and managers.
- **Directing:** Chris will partner with the Kenyan management staff to direct the day-to-day activities of the Main Campus.

Since answering God's call to the mission field earlier this year, their family has been engaged in the support raising process, reaching out to friends, family, and churches to raise the funds necessary to move full-time to Kenya as missionaries. They rely on God's provision for their financial resources. You can follow their journey on their blog: theagapepages.blogspot.com. Please be praying for this young family as they leave for Kenya this month.

Another couple that will be joining Agape in December of this year is Eric and Lisa Kjeldgaard. Eric and Lisa and their eight children: Nicholas, Kate, Stephen, Matthew, Chris, Jackson, Charlie, and Grace will be ministering

with us in Kisumu. The Kjeldgaards are from Oakdale, California and plan on spending about 11 months in Kenya. In November of



2012 they will return to the States and begin working in Agape's U.S. office. We're so happy that the Kjeldgaards will continue their work with Agape when they return home and will continue to make periodic trips back to Kisumu during the year.

Lisa has felt a calling to serve the Lord in Africa since she was 16. Serving with Agape and moving her family to Africa is a dream come true. Lisa has read close to 100 missionary adventure and missionary biography books to her kids, not knowing if she would ever get to be a missionary herself but wanting to encourage them and have them be prepared to serve if the Lord would call them. As she's said, God knew best and rather than sending her to Africa as a single woman, He's sending her there with her family...10 strong!

While in Kisumu, Eric and Lisa, along with the older Kjeldgaard children, will participate in many areas of Agape life including administration, policy and program development, discipleship, Bible studies, Debate and Speech for the boys in our Agape school, and just having fun and loving on all the Agape kids. Eric and Lisa's extended time in Kisumu will help them understand more completely the trials, struggles, joys, and triumphs felt by the Kenyan Staff, Agape children, and the missionaries. Their time in Kenya will allow them to clearly communicate these aspects of Agape as they continue serving with Agape upon their return to the States.

Since being accepted as new missionaries, Eric and Lisa have shared excitedly their story with as many people as will listen. The Kjeldgaards also rely on God's provision for their work with Agape and are currently working on their support-raising process to raise the funds needed to become full-time missionaries. You

can follow their journey on their blog site: www.Ten2Kenya.com. Please pray for this family as they prepare for their great adventure.

We would like to encourage you to learn more about these two wonderful families through their newsletters, which you can read on Agape's website (www.agapechildren.org); simply click on the Newsletter tab.

Our prayer team for the new Agape boys is up and functioning! Thank you for all who are serving in this way. You can still join the team if you are interested; please let us know!

Many work and ministry teams have come and gone this year, loving and serving the Lord and the children at Agape. Thanks.

Packing

Our dilemma: the longer we stay the more we accumulate to pack. "Just a few more items. Will they fit?" exclaims Steve as he examines his latest purchases.

A Christian packing his bags for a journey said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer, and a set of tools."

"But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend.

"Oh, yes," said the Christian. "Here it is." And he placed his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid. ~Anonymous

Thank you for all of the kindness, hospitality, gifts, and love shown us while we've been here.

Love and prayers,

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