

The Agape Pages

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Savior, Jesus! I cannot believe that May is already here. April was a blur for us as we continue to prepare for our move to Kenya in August. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be less than three months away from our big move to start work as missionaries with Agape Children's Ministry in Kisumu, Kenya.



August 3 is the big day! We reserved our plane tickets and will be flying through London, arriving in Nairobi late on August 4. British Airways has special missionary fares that will allow us to bring three, 50 lb. bags apiece on the flight; that's 18 bags that we'll be able to bring with us on the plane for free! This is a huge answer to prayer as this will allow us to bring what we need to Kenya without having to pay to ship anything overseas. Because we have to initially travel on tourist visas (and apply for work visas upon arrival in Kenya), we have to buy a round trip ticket, but the tourist fares with British Airways will allow us to cancel our return trip and almost receive a full refund for the return fare. We will plan to return to the United States for our first sabbatical in late October 2012 and will stay in the States probably until the end of the calendar year.

In addition to booking all of our tickets, we just received the kids' passports yesterday. Passport photos are just about as good as driver's license photos, so the kids were all complaining that their pictures didn't look like them. Sutton and Connor wanted to take their passports to school for show and tell, but I had to explain that taking them to school probably wasn't a good idea. The kids also had to get all of their shots (sorry guys). Thankfully they all survived, and they all got ice cream out of the deal.



Also in April, Tammy and I traveled to Modesto, California, to stay with Blake and Esther Gibbs to attend Agape's Board Meeting. While there, we also got to meet the entire Kjeldgaard family (all 10 of them). We'll be sharing a compound in Kisumu with the Kjeldgaards for about 10 months beginning in December; we were so excited to spend time with them and to get to know their kids. Our four kids are going to have a blast with the



Kjeldgaard kids. We got to finally meet Allison Hernandez, as well, who manages Agape's U.S. office and oversees many of the administrative activities of the ministry. We also had a surprise treat while in Modesto, when we found out the Steve and Diane Warn, who are also missionaries with Agape, happened to be in Modesto at the same time. We were so blessed to spend time with all of the Agape family and cannot wait to start working full-time with all of them in August.

The real estate market has been a little slow in North Carolina, so please continue in prayer about our house. God may intend for us to rent the house instead of sell it, so please be praying for a buyer or a really good renter! We've been doing some preemptive cleaning as we go to prepare for the eventual move and have the attic about 75% empty. The only problem is that everything from the attic just moved to the garage; I'm amazed at how much junk a family of six can accumulate. We're going to have a huge yard sale...eventually.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and continued financial support. We need about \$900 more in monthly commitments to meet our monthly budget for Kenya, so if you've been considering committing to support our family monthly, we would really appreciate your support! Even \$10 or \$25 a month makes a big difference. Thanks again for partnering with us in our service to Jesus!

God Bless,

Chris, Tammy, Sutton, Conner, Seth, and Lyla Page



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