

The Agape Pages

November 2011

Jambo sana (hello very much)! Greetings to all of you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It's hard to believe that another month has flown by. Kenyan time has an interesting way of getting away from you. October has been another busy month; join us for a few highlights!

Tammy and the kids continue to do well in our new home in Kisumu. Despite homeschooling being a new endeavor for our family, Sutton and Connor have been enjoying the new style and method of teaching. More than anything, I think they enjoy the shorter school day! Tammy has become quite the cook since arriving in Kenya. She's always been a good cook, but because everything has to be made from scratch, she has really stepped up her game. We all thought that we would come here and lose weight, but I think we've started packing on the pounds instead!



The kids enjoying a ride in a tuk tuk (taxi)

In case you haven't heard, Sutton shortened his name to "Sut" since arriving in Kenya, due to some Kenyan pronunciation issues. Overall, I know that he misses his friends and U.S. food, but he is very content. He has made a couple of friends here in Kisumu: a Kenyan boy and a South African boy. Sutton and I have also enjoyed being one of the few Kenyan Clemson fans. Believe it or not, we've been able to watch every Clemson game since we arrived; hard to believe! He really enjoys staying up late and watching the games with me. Also, despite being our most accident prone child (earlier this

month he cracked his head pretty good and cut his face by accident in two separate incidents), he is the only person in the family who hasn't been sick since we arrived; not even a cold!

Connor is also doing really well. She makes friends really easily...and somehow keeps them! She talks to her friends in the States, Hannah and Anna, often via phone and Skype, and plays with her new friends here in Kenya as much as possible. She is a big help to Tammy at home. She makes breakfast for Lyla and Seth most mornings and does many other "motherly" things. As I mentioned before, Tammy has to make most things from scratch, and Connor has been a big help in the kitchen (especially when making homemade chocolate chip cookies!). The only thing that bothers Connor at times is the variety of smells that you come across when driving around. Oh yeah, Connor also tends to get the most bug bites in the family; probably because she won't stay in bed at night (under the mosquito net)!

Seth is on a great adventure! He loves the Kenyan people and the Kenyan food. He enjoys saying "jambo" to everyone he sees. He is a carefree, energetic little boy. I think his feet are changing colors, because they are always very, very dirty. He loves to play outside and run around without shoes on. We are working on that. He likes school and wants to make sure he gets



"Grace to you
and peace from God
our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 1:2

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as much school time as Connor and Sutton. He misses his friends Samuel and Pete a good bit; he really wants them to come visit him! Please pray for a Kenyan friend for Seth. The Kjeldgaard family will be in Kenya soon, so he'll have eight new playmates in December.

Lyla seems to love Kenya! She gets a lot of attention here; sometimes probably too much. The school kids really like her, but it scares her when they all try to talk to her at the same time. Everyone wants to shake her hand and hear her talk. She is like a baby doll to the Kenyans; it is really sweet. She likes to sit-in for class with Seth, and is working on her numbers and letters (A-B-C-D-H-K-M!). Lyla also enjoys loving (harassing, pulling, and tugging) our new dog, Jack.



As for me, I've been busy doing an assortment of things at Agape. As I wrote last month, I've been busy teaching the Agape staff and finished up a three-week study with them in early October. I've also had a really good time preaching to the Agape kids on two different Sundays during the month; they are a fun group to teach and interact with! I also had a really cool opportunity



Visiting with some Agape Staff

to attend a three-day pastor's training course at a local church that was taught by some British missionaries. I was completely floored at how well my teachers knew Scripture; the bar has been raised! One quick prayer request: we just started a separate counseling class for six of our most troubled boys; please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you so much for sharing in our adventure here in Kenya. We feel so privileged to be able to serve Jesus in this manner and sincerely appreciate your partnership with our family. Be sure to spread the word about how God is working in Kisumu. Don't forget to check out our blog:

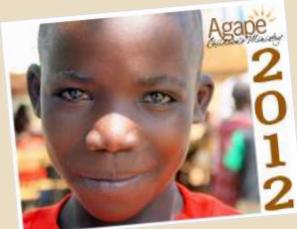
<http://theagapepages.blogspot.com>. We try to provide updates, photos, and videos every few days!

Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Kwaheri (goodbye)!

God Bless,

The Pages

Chris, Tammy, Sutton, Connor, Seth, and Lyla



Coming Soon! Agape's 2012 calendars will be here in a few weeks! These beautiful 12-month calendars feature the transformation the Lord brings about when boys come off the street, and begin to accept Christ's love for them as they make their home at Agape. Agape is using the calendars to raise funds for the ministry; they cost just \$10 per calendar. If you would like to pre-order your

calendar, please indicate on the response card how many you would like to receive. Agape will mail the calendars to you by the beginning of December.

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