

# DANIELS' DIARIES

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## WHEW!

Are you tired, too, or is it just me? This past month seems to have been a real whirlwind. There are only a couple less days in February than the other months, but it seems to be about a week short. We have been out of our regular routines, but still quite busy.

The water that Charlie was working on the week I wrote our last newsletter turned into a much larger project. After getting the repairs done to the tank and the water lines we waited for it to fill. When it finally did, one of the (concrete) walls burst. The entire tank had to either be rebuilt or replaced. Charlie opted for replacing it with a plastic tank and after 3 weeks of work, it is now completed and functional.

We enjoyed our time with the Simmons boys in February, also. They have now flown to S. Africa to join their parents. Once it was learned that Eddy would need surgery and he and Amanda would need to remain there for a few more weeks, they wanted the boys to come. Charlie drove them to Nairobi last Wednesday and they flew out on Friday. Eddy's surgery seems to have gone well and now he is recovering in SA. Continue to pray that all will be well with him and the family and that God will speedily heal.

Lastly, you should pray for protection of our minds and hearts. There are stresses that come with living overseas that are intangible, un-namable, but definitely exist. I am always joking that it is so hard to keep missionaries well, and there is a physical dimension to living in Africa, definitely. But the battle of the mind is just as real and so your prayers for that are just as important.

## Family news

Sam is working well to get his 11<sup>th</sup> grade school work finished on time and we are looking ahead at 2007 when it will be time for him to begin college and life in the States. We have had some good conversations, and we certainly need your prayers for wisdom and God's help. There are lots of variables that go into preparing for college and life on your own. Many things an American teenager does are just not possible where we are, such as getting a driver's license, working a part-time job, internet browsing at colleges, visiting campuses, etc. Pray for all of us as we make these decisions from this side of the world that we would be able to get the information we need. Pray for Sam as he continues to study for the SAT, which he will take on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Pray that he will find and choose a college that will be a good place for him to live and learn.

Joseph just talks and talks. My parents are laughing as they read that statement, I'm sure. I can't imagine any child ever having more to say than he does. I don't know how his little voice holds up sometimes; I think he should be hoarse by the end of the day. It is a joy and he is healthy and happy; we are much blessed.

Charlie and I continue working on language learning each week. It is a slow process and many times we are not able to see the rules (are there any?) of Samburu grammar. We can understand more of what is spoken than we are able to speak, which is normal and helps us to see our progress. We think of Joseph and how much more of our conversations he was able to understand before he could do little more than put 2 words together. Now, after 2 years of hearing English, he understands almost everything and can

say just about anything in a complete sentence. It gives us hope!

Pray for our physical health daily. We have seen and experienced the ways that driving in the bush takes a toll on the body. Pray that God would protect us so that we are able to continue living and working here for many years. Pray for us to keep our walk with the Lord strong through daily study, worship and prayer. Pray for times of refreshing and rest and for us to be fully armed against the schemes of the enemy.

Pray for Travis in the States. He had his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday in March and we are making plans for him to visit this summer. Pray that he will seek and follow God's will for his life and that he will make wise choices. Pray that God will work all things together in Travis' life for his good and God's glory.

We have just received approval for the feeding project and by the time you get this newsletter, we should have some news as to the progress and timing. It is the weekend here, but Charlie plans to make contact Monday with the man who has agreed to supply the food and transport. We are praying that he is still able to get the items at the prices he quoted and that all those involved will work fairly and efficiently. That is a BIG challenge. As you know, there is widespread corruption all over Africa and efficiency...well, that is VERY subjective. Cover this project in prayer that it may be done in such a way as to bring honor and glory to Christ and draw Samburu to see that the help we bring is a gift from Him and comes in the name of the Lord.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Sam to work diligently at finishing 11<sup>th</sup> grade and studying for the SAT. Pray for him as he takes it on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Pray for wisdom in making plans for college in 2007.
- Pray for our continued good health; physically, spiritually, emotionally. Pray for a daily dependence on the Lord.
- Pray for the feeding project to go smoothly and to reach many. Pray for Charlie to be able to coordinate everything well and to be a blessing to all those he meets along the way.
- Pray for "T" who is one of our women teaching children. Her husband hit their baby recently and he has left in fear. The baby seems to be fine, PRAISE GOD. Her father has also been ill, so it has been a difficult time. Pray for his healing and God's provision and protection over her and her family. Pray for God to strengthen her faith and pour out His grace and mercy in her life.
- We praise God for those of you who continually pray for us. We know you are making a difference in our lives and ministry. We are so grateful to God for continuing to add to the numbers of you who are praying. We are also encouraged greatly by your emails, cards, letters and gifts from the States. Thank you so much. You can't imagine how much you bless us.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.  
Jeremiah 29:11*

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