

Carpenter Prayer Pionts
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Dear Family and Friends,

Wow, seems like I'm always running off to Kenya, or coming back from there! On the 5th I returned from a week in Nairobi at a LeaderLink conference, a program designed to help inspire character and to develop skills and understanding. It was a good time of learning and interacting with many wonderful folk. Please pray with me that I'll put into practice at least some of what I heard!

We really enjoyed being together as a family during Ben's break from school. And the visit from Deb's brother's family during that time was also a real treat. As part of the fun, while the "girls" went rafting on the Nile, us "guys" hired some 4-wheelers for a couple of hours. It had rained the night before and things were delightfully muddy! I've attached a picture. =) We thank our gracious God for family, fun, safety, health, etc. & etc.

Recently, in one of our Leadership Team meetings our EO (Steve Wolcott) began to talk about what God is doing in our region of Africa. Then we began to collectively consider, not only what God is doing (specifically, the raising up of indigenous missionaries), but also what our response is (how we, as an old, Western Mission relate to them). How can we be most effective and obedient in how we as a Body of believers do missions in this changing context? We will be meeting again tomorrow, Wednesday, to further pray and seek the Lord's leading on this issue; an issue which is at the very core of why we are all here and not at home in the States. Please pray that we will be ready to listen to the Spirit's leading, that we will hear and obey, joining in God's work with our hand, feet and hearts.

(If any of you would be interested in receiving the report our EO shared with us giving some of the background, let me know and I will forward that to you.)

Thank you, again, to all of you who faithfully give through your prayers and also to those who give more tangibly. We surely wouldn't be here if it weren't for your allowing God to use you in those ways. Yet, having said that, it's not even about us, or our work, it's about the One, True God, the maker of Heaven and Earth, the One worthy of all "power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Tim for All