



The Tate's

Bringing Joy in Christ to Kenya



Missionaries to Kenya, East Africa

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In Africa, Finally. Thank you, Lord!

We made it to Africa!!! It took a lot of prayer, a lot of waiting and a lot of planning, but we're here. We've been in Africa now for nine days. The last few weeks have been an absolute blur. We spent a lot of time packing and moving and making final preparations to leave. On the 18th of January our church commissioned us as missionaries to Africa. This was a wonderful and uplifting service for us. Many of our supporting churches were represented at the service as well as many of their pastors. Beloved, your presence at this service meant the world to me. Also, our church family showered us with love, prayers, and encouragement. Thank you, Emmanuel Baptist!

Our final day in the States came with mixed emotion. Our hearts were filled with excitement, trepidation, and sorrow; excitement for the beginning of a new ministry, trepidation over the uncertainty of our future, and sorrow for leaving all of our friends and

family. Many of our friends and family met to see us off and wish us well. Your faces will be our final memories of home until we return.

Getting to Africa wasn't easy. Our initial flight out of Dayton was cancelled, so everything was changed. We had to rush to Cincinnati to catch an alternative flight to London. In London we had to find a bus to get us to the right airport.

Once in the right airport, Josiah threw up on one of the airport benches. We flew through Nairobi to Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. From Dar we somehow managed to find the right bus going to Morogoro where the language school is located. Honestly, beloved, it was at this point that I have never felt more helpless in my life. Here I was in the back of the

bus with my wife and children hoping I was heading in the right direction and that I could get off at the right destination. Honestly, beloved, I wasn't sure of either of these things. God was stretching our faith and making us totally dependent upon him. But he was good



Emily, Josiah, Amy & Julie in front of one of Africa's famous Baobab trees

to us and got us to the language school with all of our luggage as well. We have set up temporary house at our small dorm rooms at language school and are already deep into our language and cultural studies. We've had bumps along the road, along with trials and testings, but God has shown himself big on our behalf at every turn. Pray for us as we learn Swahili. Pray for peace in Kenya. Pray for souls for the kingdom.

Please take special notice

Please note our personal contact changes. Obviously, our physical address and phone numbers have

changed. Probably the only way you will be able to contact us for the next four months will be via email.

This also has changed. It is now...

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