

DARE TO DREAM

Dear family and friends,

Here is a new update on what is happening here in Kenya.

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YWAM LA:

It was a little bit more than two months ago that I picked up a team of students from Los Angeles at Nairobi airport. I only knew the other team leader a little bit, but the others I did not know at all.

The two months that they have spent here have made a great impact in my life and the lives of the people here in Kenya. They have served their hearts out and loved on the people here like crazy. There have been hard times, but a lot of good ones as well. They have been able to build and complete the barrel-ponics system for a widow named Mary Mora. Also, another widow named Hellen has been helped with a micro loan because of the faithfulness of the team.



YWAM-team and Mary

The plan I had for this team has been accomplished, 'to give them a challenging time, where they are able to grow in character and in relationship with God. To expose them to situations that will test

their faith and see the beauty of people and culture on the other side of the world.'

I will miss having these guys around, doing ministry, laughing and working with them. But I know that they will be great examples and a great encouragement to many people around them, wherever they are.

Thank you YWAM LA, parents and team Kenya for your obedience, partnership and friendship.

www.ywamla.org

Barrel-ponics:

The YWAM team has had two months to work on this project and I'm very excited to say that they have succeeded. At first the team was a little bit frustrated that it was going so slowly, but it is something that was and is needed when introducing these kind of projects into a community. It is wrong to come in, build it in two weeks and leave. Building relationship is, I believe, one of the key components to a successful project. If we forget about that, especially in a culture that is relational, it is almost guaranteed that the project will fail.

The team has been able to build relationship with Mary Mora and her family, showing them the system, building it with them and now that they are back in LA Mary Mora and her family have taken ownership of this project and are figuring out ways to make it better.

I'm very excited to see how this system is going to provide for Mary and her family.



Me and Mary

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Safari:

Before the team went back to LA we first made a quick stop for two days in Nairobi. We took the night bus to Nairobi and arrived at Flora Hostel at 4am. We then slept on the floor in the living room/waiting room, because the rooms were not ready. At 7am we ate breakfast and then took a quick nap. While everyone was sleeping I arranged the transport to Nairobi National Park. On our way to the park we got pulled over by the police. The driver asked me for Ksh 5000 (\$60/ €45), he said it was for the fine, but I knew it was for a bribe. He left the car without the money and I went with him. He then called me over and asked for 200 Kenyan shillings, I told him 'I'm not paying for any bribe.' The police let us go and we continued to the park. Arriving at the park the van broke down, so we had to wait for another vehicle to begin the safari.

All of this looked like we were not supposed to go. While driving around we saw animals like giraffes, ostriches, different antelopes, baboons and crocodiles. While we were driving I wanted to see the lions so badly, they are one of the most impressive animals to me. We were starting to head back after a while and we then saw a black rhino! It was so amazing, but it wasn't a lion. We were almost back at the exit of the park without seeing any lions, when a lady pulled us over from her car and asked us if we were looking for the lions. YES! She pointed us out to the place where they were, so we rushed over there.

No lions. All disappointed we were going back to exit the park. When all of a sudden Nick (from the team) yells; LION, LION.

We got our lions, eight of them in total. I was so happy!



Yes, it's a lion!!

Hellen:

Hellen is one of the widows who has been working at SEEK for a while in the garden. She had been trained in agriculture by SEEK, and has been doing an amazing work both for SEEK and on her own farm.

The YWAM team has been helping her with plowing and weeding the field. They have also been able to help her with a micro loan that has allowed her to buy seeds, fertilizer, fungicides, pesticides and a sprayer.

Now that the team has left, I will continue to follow up and help her and how she runs her farm as a business. If she is able to manage this first part of the loan properly then we will help her with a second loan that will help her buy a water pump and pipes, also provided by the team from Los Angeles.

You can find a video about Hellen at www.projectdaretodream.com/videos



Hellen's farm

Obago's farm:

The end of last month Mr. Obago made his first payment to his loan. He also came to us saying that he wants to repay the whole amount at the end of next month. His farm has been doing so well, that he is able to pay the whole amount at once. Nick (an employee at SEEK) and I will sit down with him and talk this through. It is good that his farm is doing well, but we want to make sure that it is a wise decision. I took the YWAM team to see his farm and they were shocked to see how beautiful his farm is, how many fruits and vegetables are being produces, and how hard he has been working there.

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Suba Lakers:

The Suba Lakers football team is doing very well in the tournament that they are participating in, the Copa Coca-Cola. So far they have won all their matches and have their next match on the 15th of June.

One of our players caught the attention of the organization as one of the most outstanding players. We hope that the team will continue to do great, so that our players have chances to be recognized by schools and be helped to a better future.



New house:

After five months living in my old house a friend of mine decided to get married and move to a different house. So I decided to move into his old house. The house is a little bit closer to SEEK and has a little bit more privacy.



My living room

Every morning and afternoon when I walk to SEEK or when I go back home I pass different people who already know my name. This house still allows me to be connected with the community and I'm

building some good relationships with the people surrounding me. Here are some picture of my house. It has a spare bedroom, so you are more than welcome to stay at my house.



Kitchen



My bedroom

What is next:

Now that the team has left, things ought to go back to 'normal.' I will take some time to evaluate and reflect on these last two months, and see what went well and what went wrong. Also, now that Alexa Boldt has joined me here in Kenya, we will take a look at what we will be doing in these upcoming few months. We want to work on quite a few things and look forward to sharing that progress with you!

Thank you all for reading another update and supporting Dare To Dream and me. It is always a great encouragement to know that people are supportive.

Love and Blessings,

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