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**W**ell, it's official: The Browns are back in town – La Porte, Indiana, to be specific. We actually arrived in the US back on June 24, but we have been doing some serious road tripping since then. Our feet hit the ground running as we had 10 days after landing before piling into a minivan and heading south. The first of those 10 days we travelled to the American Mecca of Walmart. Those of you who know us even peripherally are aware that for the six months prior to our return from Kenya both

Tammi and I had been dreaming of shopping at Walmart and enjoying the low prices and abundant

stock. But we were a bit overwhelmed by the sheer size and abundance of goods available. It didn't take long, however, for us to get right back into the swing of things – especially the convenience of being so close to whatever it is that we might possibly "need."

So after our consumer reunion, we hit the road to do some visiting and reporting to supporting churches. From Indiana we headed south to

Villa Rica, Georgia, to meet with friends and a supporting church, then on to a family reunion at Cocoa Beach. We spoke at a supporting church in Orlando, met up with Tammi's brother and kids, then took the whole brood to Disney World where we used up the last of our 6-year-old hopper passes! We left the next day to follow Tammi's brother back to Alabama where we visited with a supporting church in Montgomery and made introductions with another church in Troy. From Alabama we headed up to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit with a supporting church, and to stay with a friend of mine (Jeff's) that I have known longer than any other. This friend and I lived next to each other while growing up. He now runs a lab at Vanderbilt University and studies malaria mosquitoes, so you can imagine the riveting conversations we had! Ha!





From Nashville, we headed back up north to La Porte, where we are now settled and will make our home base for our future travels. We are beginning to follow up and schedule meetings and appointments with existing supporters to report on the work in which we have been engaged over the past two years.

Our transition back home has been interesting. Besides having to re-learn to drive on the right side of both our vehicle and the road, we have been surprised by how much we missed the simplest of things – such as lines on the road and orderly driving; people waiting orderly in lines vs. pushing, shoving, and cutting the queue to be first; and doing banking and restaurant runs without having to leave the car! On the other hand, we have actually been missing Kenya too. The slow pace of life (and driving) and the abundance of time for visiting with friends are stark contrasts to the speed at which America operates.

As we resettle, we also have an additional challenge due to the global financial recession. Over the past two years, many of our individual supporters and even a few churches have been severely affected and have had to reduce or completely drop their financial support. This decrease in support was about 25% of our sustaining budget, but combined with the inflation rate in Kenya and the rising cost of living there, we find that our budget is actually about 50% of where it needs to be for us to be able to return. The amount of money we need to raise is \$4,000 per month, which by itself is a large sum by any

measure. But what we are seeking over these next five months are 40 supporters who would be able to commit to \$100 per month for our next 2-year-term. Included in these figures would be enough to enroll Emily and Elliott at an American accredited school in Nairobi, as Tammi is beginning to feel a bit overwhelmed by the homeschooling workload.

Regarding the kids' schooling here, we have enrolled Emily and Elliott at Kingsbury Elementary School, which is within walking distance of my (Jeff's) folks' house where we are living while on furlough. We would really appreciate some prayer in this area as this experience will be a first for all of us.

There are a couple things that we really would like to ask as prayer requests. The country of Kenya continues to struggle with finding its political footing after the debacle following the 2007 presidential election. You might recall that the country was brought to the edge of civil war by vote rigging and the tribal warfare that followed. A peace accord was reached between the government and opposition parties by Kofi Annan, allowing joint governance of the country. This accord continues to be in place. However, from day one, there has been infighting throughout every level of national and local government. The results have largely affected average working class Kenyans and those in poorer areas through increased taxes and skyrocketing prices on staple foods such as sugar, flour, oil, and maize as both parties make a play for their share of decreasing tax revenues. So please remember the people of Kenya who are caught in this system and are largely without recourse or a way to seek out justice.

While we are in the US, our position continues to be filled by an awesome couple. Richard and Virginia Mangel have stepped into the business administrator role to keep things rolling, and are doing a great job. I am in contact with Richard almost daily via email. I would really like to lift them up in prayer, too, as I have just received word that the office laptop crashed and the hard drive had to be reformatted. Luckily, we routinely

back up our vital information, and the rest should be able to be reconstructed. Nonetheless, this is a major hassle on top of the normal day-to-day stuff that has to be done in a third world country. Please pray for the Mangels as they live and work in Nairobi.

As if the ongoing political problems weren't enough, the entire country of Kenya continues to suffer from a prolonged drought. These droughts occur often in Africa, but are exacerbated by the lack of developed infrastructure. This is one area, however, where the church is stepping up. Throughout Maasailand in the west and Turkana in the north, CMF and its church partners are busy drilling wells and bringing lifegiving water to even the most remote areas. If you or your church would like to partner with CMF in one of these areas, you can contact CMF directly or contact us via email, and we will be more than happy to make the connection for you. There is so much opportunity to make a direct impact on individuals and communities in these drought stricken areas. Please ask God if there might be a way in which you can play a part in bringing water to these people.

## PRAYER AND PRAISES

- **Praise God for our safe transport back to the US. Traveling halfway around the world with 3 kids in tow isn't always as fun as it may sound (ha), but God paved our way.**
- **Please pray for Emily and Elliott as they**

**begin attending public school for the first time. And pray for their teachers too!**

- **We have a lot of support to raise. Please pray that God will use our time effectively and efficiently to connect us with senders and supporters.**
- **Pray for the people of Kenya as they struggle against injustice and the forces of nature. Our hope is that even against these forces, they will seek the face of God and the salvation that only He can give.**

We hope to be able to see as many of you all as possible. We have been scheduling meetings already with some of you, but if you want to schedule a speaking engagement or some time to just hang out and catch up on what we've been up to for the last two years, always feel free to call us at 574-806-1293 or email us at brownjt1@gmail.com.

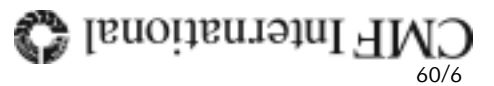
Also, one cool new option that CMF has recently made available is the ability to give to our mission work ONLINE! That link can be found on our website at [www.brownfamilymission.com](http://www.brownfamilymission.com) or through <http://cmfi.org/wherewework/kenya> (scroll down to our picture and click the "Give" button).

We look forward to sharing with you in person!

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