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ENGLISH CLASS

"The heart of the wise teaches his mouth and adds learning to his lips." Proverbs 16:23

I began teaching the English as a Second Language class this year. We have held six classes that lasted a week. The students are working hard and learning



Students enjoying tea and English conversation.

many things. They come in for one week each month. At the end of the week, I send them to town to practice what

they learned, which allows them to have a practical way of knowing if they have mastered the material. They give a report when they come back to class on what was said, so I also find out how they are doing using the language.

- *Please pray for these fledgling English speakers. I have fifteen students who live in remote villages. They are all church leaders in their home areas. It is hard for them to find people to practice with once they go home because not many people have learned English.*
- *Pray for them to find people willing to speak English with them.*
- *Pray that they can also learn some good study skills so that what they learn will stay with them and be used in the future.*

The students have called our school the "Bringing the Light School." They want to learn English so they can better communicate with other Christians throughout Kenya. They also want to use English to help non-Christians learn about the Light of Jesus Christ.

- *Please pray for them as they work toward meeting these goals.*

LITERACY

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."
James 1:5

It is always good to work yourself out of a job. This is especially true if that was your goal when you began! The work of literacy has been handed over to our church leaders. I serve as a consultant to them. The teaching and testing of students has continued, but it is being done entirely by Turkana church leaders. I am



still helping with supplies and with training when I am requested to do so. It has been good to see that the church leaders consider literacy an important part of moving the Turkana church forward.

There have been a few bumps along the way in this process of entrusting the literacy work to the Church. The work is continuing, but there is no one who has stepped forward with a deep desire to oversee the whole process. So, there are many leaders. That often can cause problems.

- *Please pray that God would raise up a Turkana man or woman who is willing and able to lead this ministry. Pray that this person would have a passion for his/her people to learn to read and write.*
- *Pray also for wisdom for me as I try to help and yet also try to diminish my role in this area.*

TRUCK

"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." Psalm 9:1&2

Many of you helped me to raise money for a new truck, and I was able to purchase a 2004 Toyota Hilux. The Hilux has been called the workhorse of Africa. My last truck was a Hilux, and I was very happy with it. This new one has a better suspension, so I am not tossed around so much on our bad roads.

My CMF teammates in Maasai had been using this truck, but no longer needed it. They wanted to sell it at about the same time that I was looking for a



JJ 2 – God Provides!

vehicle. I test drove it on one of the worst roads in Nairobi to see if I thought it would hold up on the roads I would have to drive. It has been a real blessing! Thanks go out to all of you who helped with this great need.

My last truck was dubbed Jehovah-Jireh, which means, "God provides." This truck was no less the provision of God, so it is called "JJ 2." Give thanks to the Lord along with me as we praise Him for providing a good vehicle for my ministry in Kenya!!

VISITORS!

“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.” Psalm 100:2

In June, I was privileged to host a group from Blue Springs Christian Church in Missouri. There were seven people who came to serve in any way they could. So, I put them to work doing several things. They got to see parts of my work and some of the rest of the work that CMF is doing in Turkana.

First, they helped to teach my English students. The students had a great time learning English from native speakers. They also enjoyed getting to know these wonderful people. The visitors got to speak with the Turkana about their families and about certain life events. It was good to have several of the visitors tell about having children, graduating from school, working, their weddings, and various other events. Then the students told about their families and events in their lives. I think everyone had a good time, and the students learned some valuable English words.



Visitors helping some students.

Next, the group helped to paint the inside of our church in Lodwar. The church is so appreciative of their help with this endeavor. After the church was painted, they held a two-day Vacation Bible School for the children. The kids had fun learning about Jesus. They learned some new songs in English, and they got to do a couple of fun crafts. The group gave out several things while they were here, but I think the most favorite was the train whistles. I still hear them from time to time when I am close to the church.

We also took a small road trip while they were here. My teammate Gene Morden and I took



Visitors painting the church.



Visiting a garden plot.

them out to see a couple of our water and garden projects. I think they were excited to see how a typical Turkana person lives. They were also excited to see the progress being made in helping the desert to bloom with a renewable food source. These wells and garden plots are a real blessing to the Turkana church and their communities.

A HOUSEKEEPING NOTE

Just a reminder that if you want to know a bit more about what is going on in Turkana, I write on a blog. I try to post something at least once a week, and often mention prayer concerns or updates on previous requests. I know life is busy so I keep these short. Check it out at <http://lynnpottenger.blogspot.com>.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful partnership.

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