



Merry Christmas!

The Chupps in Kenya 2010

Mike and Pam, Steven (17), Melody (15),
Kayla (11), Ashley (9)

Our family is preparing to celebrate our 11th Christmas at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. It is quite the contrast from the last two frigid and snowy winters in St. Joseph, MI! We had our WGM Kenya Field Christmas meeting last week at St. Andrews School about 2 ½ hours from Tenwek. Our annual business meeting was kicked off by a devotional from the newly elected Bishop of the Africa Gospel Church, Dr. Robert Langat. Dr. Langat has spent some time in the US and reminded us of the spectacular light displays that can be found in so many neighborhoods right now all across America. He focused on the Light that came at Christmas to disperse the darkness of mankind, including that of Africa, formerly the “Dark Continent”. John, the gospel writer, described Jesus Christ, the baby born in a manger, in this way “The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.” (Jn 1:9)

Over several years at Tenwek we have noticed that the incidence of domestic violence, drunkenness, and violent assaults goes up remarkably every December. In the midst of all this trauma and pain, the celebration of Christ’s birth stands out in sharp contrast to the darkness of man’s condition. At Tenwek we hold out the hope and forgiveness God offers to man through the Christ-child. This year at Tenwek, over 13,500 Kenyans have received treatment after admission to the hospital, and over 120,000 visits will be logged into our outpatient department. Both of these numbers are records for the hospital. Our hope, certainly, is that each Kenyan who comes to find help at Tenwek will be exposed to the true light that pierces the darkness of sin and death, and find the life that is in the Word that became flesh.

We are grateful for your prayers and for words of encouragement that MANY of you have sent our way via email these last six months. Steven and Melody have done quite well in boarding school at Rift Valley Academy and are with us on break through January 3rd. We hope to put them to work this week at the hospital doing some needed painting. The CT scanner that we wrote about in our last Chupplink has arrived at Tenwek! We are amazed at how quickly the CT container sailed over the seas and through customs right to our doorstep. Construction has begun to prepare the suite in which the machine will be housed and operated as well as related construction in our outpatient department. (see pics below) We are trusting the Lord to provide the funds (around \$300,000 yet to be raised) to finish this remodeling project which includes changes to our radiology and outpatient departments. I’ll be sending out an email early next week to let you know how to give before the year ends. We had interviews this week with three candidates for our surgical training program. We were quite pleased with their qualifications and with the desire of these young doctors to become excellent, Christ-honoring surgeons. (See Damaris’ picture below.)

CT scan room construction is shown in the first two pictures, with the foundation of the second intern/resident housing block in the third photo.



University of Nairobi Medical Students at Tenwek for seven weeks, October thru December. They were a great group!



Dr. Steve Burgert, long-term missionary and GI doc, gives in-service to surgery team on acute interventions for GI bleeding at Tenwek Hospital.



Dr. Damaris, one of 16 current interns, presents a case during morning report. She has been accepted into our surgical training program this January.



Several Tenwek MK's, including Steven, Melody, and Kayla, help out at the hospital by painting some patient/family waiting benches within the hospital compound.



Mike and Dr. John Spriegel (Assistant Medical Superintendent and CT scan Project Manager) stand in front of crates containing Toshiba CT scanner which arrived on December 23rd. PTL!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR KIN!