

Spriegel PrayerNet

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"The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it!" 1 Thessalonians 5:24

FAITHFUL! God has proven Himself faithful in all the details of our lives! Thank you for your prayers since our last letter. We are ready to return to Tenwek Hospital in Kenya on August 13. Each provision by God over the last few months confirms to us His leading and assures us that He is with us.

Thank God with us:

- Our support needs are met and we go, backed by a strong team of financial and prayer supporters!
- The Chapel, our home church in St Joseph, has pulled through for us in many practical and supportive ways. This includes our VBS raising \$2500 for Bibles for our Tabitha ministry! They sent us off with a recommissioning and farewell on July 19.
- We formed a Timothy Team, a logistical and prayer support team from our home church, which has been an invaluable help with many details of getting ready and of leaving our house and yard in good shape. They will continue to be our primary point people in St. Joseph, Michigan.
- We have enjoyed some wonderful times with the Spriegel and Gustafson families throughout the year, but especially the last few months, including three family reunions. What a wonderful heritage to have solid families and so many who love Jesus and are also concerned about the Kenyan people.
- In our last week in Michigan, a renter signed a two-year lease on our house! As God has provided this, we trust that He'll provide for the following second two years, as well.
- We went canoeing in the Boundary Waters of Canada in the end of July. We found this week of gorgeous beauty and rigorous physical exertion to be exactly the stress-reliever we needed! We had a lot of fun as a family, along with friends of ours, the Lewis Archer family.



Pastor Bubar & the Timothy Team pray for us at our recommissioning service July 19th at the Chapel in St. Joseph, MI.



Grandma & Grandpa Spriegel get some grandkid time with Rebecca, Joel & Julia on our trip to Detroit in mid-June.

Trust God with us and pray for these upcoming needs:

- † We fly out of Chicago O'Hare August 13th and arrive in Nairobi the 14th. Pray for safe travel and that our 25 checked-through bags will arrive with us.
- † John will pick up his work permit in Nairobi, we'll buy some groceries, and head to Tenwek the 17th or 18th. Pray for wisdom in all the decisions to be made, and people to reconnect with as we settle into life at Tenwek.
- † August 27 and 28 is New Parent Orientation at Rift Valley Academy, where Rebecca and Julia will attend school this year. The whole family will attend orientation and then leave the girls at the boarding school, about 3 hours from Tenwek. We hope to see them every few weeks, but it will still be a huge adjustment for all of us. Pray that we'll know God's grace to be sufficient. Pray they'll make good friends and establish good patterns for studying and living in community at RVA.
- † In September John will be back at Tenwek Hospital, teaching, training, and working alongside Kenyan and missionary colleagues. Pray he'll be led by the Lord in determining priorities, and in all the relationships involved. Pray that God will continue to touch patients with his healing grace physically and spiritually.
- † Linda will begin homeschooling Joel and return to the women's ministry in September. Pray for wisdom in direction, in dealing with leadership issues, and discerning the Lord's priorities daily.
- † Pray that all of us would pursue Jesus with all our hearts, and grow to become more like Him. This is God's dearest desire for us, and ours, too.



Rebecca & Julia rejoice after a hard day canoeing in Canada at the boundary waters just north of Minnesota.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer during this year of Home Assignment. It has been great to see many of you. We look forward to keeping in touch with you even though we'll be far away. Let us hear from you!

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