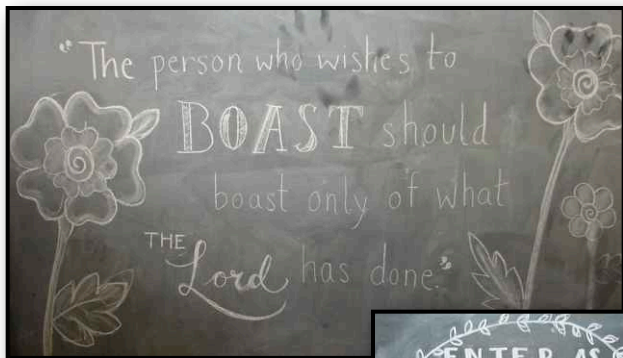


An Update from Donna

On my desk, I have a big blackboard. I love to write scriptures or quotes that I am memorizing or that help keep me focused on Christ. Not only has Alyssa (see page 2) brought coffee to a whole new level in our home but also she has blessed me with beautiful chalkboard art. At this moment there is a quote based on 1 Corinthians 1:31 taken from the book *Jesus Freaks* which we are reading together as a family: "The person who wishes to boast should boast only of what the Lord has done." I would love to boast about what the Lord has been doing in our lives since moving to Kenya.



We received our work permits for Kenya, which were needed to ship our boxes from West Africa to Kenya. A huge answer to prayer! Our boxes arrived last week! It is amazing how much more settled we feel. For five months we tried to buy only the bare necessities of what we knew was in the boxes. This mainly impacted our office, kitchen and entertainment as well as other areas of life.

After many hours of research and writing, Paul has completed the first draft of a small book called TWR's Statement of Doctrinal Position: What it Says, What it Means and Why You Should Care. The goal is to explain key doctrine in a simple, clear, concise multicultural way to help ensure that TWR's content is theologically solid. Paul will start traveling and presenting seminars on this starting in early September.



Miriam, Donna, Paul, Micah Joy and Nehemiah

Several months ago, I started working a few days a week at a local school called Helping Hands run by friends from church. It is an inclusion school with many special needs children. I am mentoring teachers, giving workshops and filling in wherever needed. I am boasting in the Lord for leading me to this opportunity. Hopefully, I will be starting a kids club at a very special, needy place, please pray with me for this adventure. Additionally, I love getting to know people in our community while sharing why we are here. May they know us by our love!

As for the kids, while being home on school break (mid July through the end of August,) they have been finding places to plug in as well. Nehemiah has visited friends and is working on updating our web page. Micah Joy has been volunteering at the local animal shelter. Miriam has joined me with some neighborhood kid activities, as well as being the chief baker for our family. Paul and Miriam have been on special diets starting last month, trying to get a handle on some allergy issues. This has made cooking a challenge. While on break, each child plans and executes a main meal a week. The meals have been great: Job well done!

As I think over the last few months, I can say moving to Kenya has had more challenges than we anticipated but clearly we can boast that God has been working.

Life as a Short Term Missionary with the Cox Family by Alyssa Duarte

Last year I had the privilege of visiting the Cox family in Benin, West Africa for a couple of weeks. I left knowing that the Lord would one day bring me back to Africa and give me more time with the Cox family. I had high hopes that Kenya would somehow come into the mix.

Early 2014, Donna emailed me, not too long after they moved to Kenya, telling me about an organization called Life Beads Kenya. She informed me that this would be the perfect place for me and that they had a guest room available in their new home. I'm going to be honest; I spent the next few days jumping up and down around my house and saying, "I get to go to Kenya!"

On June 9th, I got on a plane to come to Kenya. It was devastating to leave home, but so exciting to be venturing out to serve the Lord in a place I had always dreamed of, and for so long. When I arrived at the airport in Kenya, Donna and Paul were there to greet me. This was a welcome sight after over 24 hours of traveling. The next day, Donna and I set off to Naivasha. When I first saw the town, I was in such culture shock and had no idea how to process being away from home and in such an unfamiliar place.

Relatively quickly, though it felt like a slow process, I adapted to my new surroundings. The Friday after I first arrived in Kenya, I began working with the organization Donna had told me about. Over the course of the next two months, I learned how business worked in Kenya, and how bringing change was much easier said than done. It was such a blessing to be welcomed in by the Life Beads Kenya family. They all helped me understand Kenyan culture better, and a little bit of Swahili too. I was able to visit various other outreach organizations around Naivasha. All of them were monumental. I can't really choose which one I loved the most, but I can assuredly say that the ones involving children were my favorites.

I was also so glad to be welcomed in by the Cox family and become a part of their family. Soon enough, people began confusing me as one of their daughters. I certainly didn't mind since I often refer to them as my non-biological missionary family.

Over these past two months I've gained a valuable new perspective and such a strong love for Kenya. I couldn't be more grateful for having the privilege to pretend to be a Kenyan for a couple of months. I can't wait to come back.



Alyssa, Miriam, Micah Joy & Donna

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An Opportunity to Help

As you know from our last newsletter, our move to Kenya cost about \$7,000 more than we planned. We are incredibly grateful that \$3,500 has been given to help with this. If you feel the Lord leading you to help with this you can send a check to TWR, PO Box 8700, Cary, NC 27512 put "Paul & Donna Cox Transfer Fund" on the memo line. To give via credit card please call TWR at 1.800.456.7897 and ask to make a gift to the Paul and Donna Cox Transfer Fund.