



After getting a quote for airline tickets to Kenya, Mike calls me from work with much enthusiasm, "Are you up for an adventure?" The travel agent offered us two different routes. The first route was through the Amsterdam which we had traveled the last time to Kenya. The second route was through London and Dubai. The second route was quoted as being \$1500 less and about a half a day longer to get to Kenya. "How do you pronounce the last place you mentioned? Where is it?" I asked being my careful, yet curious self. I looked up Dubai on the Internet and to think I never knew it even existed. It looked like a futuristic city with amazing architecture that I have never seen anywhere, not even in National Geographic. What stood out also was the emerald coastline along this modern city with a hotel shaped like a giant sail jutting out of the water. Regardless of the glowing reports of Dubai and its airline, I demanded that Mike find information from people he knew who had traveled this route.

Next, it was down to the store that meets most of my needs, good old reliable Wal-mart. How will we ever survive without Wal-mart for two years? It has been my lifeline! I am both blessed and plagued with practicality. I pick up two packages of stacked plastic containers to store in our Kenya stash. I convinced myself ten plastic containers should last us our time in Kenya if not destroyed in the microwave.

In the afternoon, I receive another call from Mike. He sounded pretty pleased with what he is about to tell me. "I got through to a minister in ONE call! He sounded keen about having share with their church!" What's the big deal? Mike figures it takes at least 6 to 8 calls on average to get a hold of the pastor at any church he has to call. This quick connection was heaven sent.

Then, the financial statement from AIM in Toronto arrived. Our outgoing support is at 82% I quickly checked the new donors on the list to determine where to send thank you cards. I calculated the amount we know is coming by July and added it on into my personal records. "We are getting there! We need to pick up speed in our preparations!"

I commented that evening, "Oh Mike, we need to update the email and address list of our supporters on the computer!" If we started as soon as the children went to bed, how did it get to be 11pm so quickly?

"By the way Bernadine, tomorrow evening I need to measure and weigh the thirty-three boxes of blankets to get shipping quotes."

Tomorrow is another day of preparation.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV

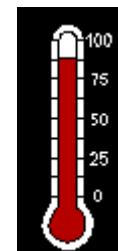
We currently have 82% of our monthly support. We anticipate leaving at the beginning of August in order to get some orientation into dorm parenting and prepare for the school year. We've been to a few churches this winter and have more on our schedule.

We will be sharing at the following churches:

- March 13 - Midland United Baptist Church
- April 2-3 - Nashwaaksis United Baptist Church mission conference
- April 10 - Steeves Mountain United Baptist Church
- May 15 - Douglas United Baptist Church

Bernadine will be sharing with WMS groups at the following churches:

- March 3 - Waterloo St. United Baptist Church
- March 21 - Central United Baptist Church
- April 5 - Hillcrest United Baptist Church
- April 19 - Tabernacle United Baptist Church



Blessings,

Bernadine, Michael, Julianne and Evan

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