

THE PUBOLS POST

*"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
My heart leaps for joy, and I will give thanks to him in song." –Psalm 28:7, NIV*

IT'S BEEN A FULL TWO MONTHS!

ARRIVING IN NAIROBI

We left the United States on January 21, arriving safely in Kenya on January 22. Our flights had no difficulties and all our baggage came through successfully without any duty taxes to pay. Thank you for your prayers for this part of our journey!

Our first week in Nairobi was spent learning about food shopping, setting up our cell phones and making preparations for our trip to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Between the newness of everything and recovering from jet lag, most of that week is a blur in our minds.

ORIENTATION COURSE IN DAR ES SALAAM

We left for Dar on January 31 and began our East African orientation course on February 2. Course participants included another American couple, a Dutch couple and their two children, a Canadian and a Brit. Together, we learned about the history, people and the church in East Africa. We learned how to stay healthy in our new environment, how to cook, how to drive on African roads, and how to relate with others in this culture. We experienced a meal with a Tanzanian family, one day of village life and a church service in Swahili (a language in East Africa). We enjoyed great fellowship and fun with the course leaders and participants. We enjoyed the experience, and it was a good lead into our daily life in Nairobi.



Leading a session during a workshop. Heather helped a co-worker with a session on communications during a workshop for financial staff in Africa.

jobs. Jeff began his new job as an IT Support Specialist with a team of three Kenyan co-workers. He was put to work right away repairing computers. In his first week, the most common problem he encountered was computer viruses.

Heather began her new role as the Africa Area Communications Officer. Her first assignment was to put together a plan and job descriptions for a communications team that will serve the area.

GETTING SETTLED

We've been apartment-sitting for some other missionaries who are back in the US, and looking intently for a long-term place to live. We found a place only a block away from the office with a monthly rent that fits our budget. Thank you for your prayers about this. We'll be moving into it soon, and we're excited to have a more permanent home for the next couple of years.

THANK YOU!

We can't thank you enough for your prayers and support during this big transition in our lives. We are amazed at how everything has been coming together, and we know that God has been answering prayers. We know that because of the economy times have been difficult for some of you, and we want you to know that we are very thankful and grateful for your part in this ministry. Your commitment to us has made this possible! Your on-going prayer support and financial gifts keep us here.



Picking out the rocks. Jeff and Tony were assigned to pick rocks out of the rice in preparation for our meal during our village visit.

BEGINNING TO WORK IN OUR NEW JOBS

We returned to Nairobi on February 21. After some orientation at the office, we began to work in our new

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Now that we're settling into life in Nairobi, we have a much better understanding of our set-up expenses. We'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider helping us with some of these expenses, which are above our regular support needs.

A vehicle is very important for safety. We've been managing so far by renting vehicles from our office. However, we pay by kilometer, and vehicles are not always available. Public transportation in Nairobi is available, but not always safe for foreigners. We can walk to some places, but carrying anything valuable can be risky and open us up to mugging.

The condition of the roads in the city varies—some have smooth pavement, some have many pot-holes and some are dirt and rocks which can get muddy in rainy season. Click here to view a video of our first drive. To handle these roads, we desire to purchase a used vehicle with an upgraded suspension and 4WD. We have some personal funds available from the sale of our two older vehicles in the US, but we'd be grateful for your help in covering the remaining cost. Our remaining need is approximately \$9000.

Our household is another expense we'll need to

cover. We took only the basics with us because shipping costs are very high. We've discovered that apartments in our neighborhood are not equipped with appliances or furniture. So, we'll be purchasing everything from dishes, to a bed, to a refrigerator and stove. We have some personal funds from the sale of some of our items in the US, but it is not enough to cover the entire cost. We estimate our remaining costs for our household purchase to be about \$4000.

Again, thank you for your on-going commitment to our ministry. We would be grateful for your assistance with these needs.

How can you help?

- **Pray** that God will provide for these needs.
- **Give a one-time gift towards our vehicle/household expenses** by sending a check made out to Wycliffe and noting that it is for the *Pubols' Vehicle/Household Expenses, Acct. #219208*.

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PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for a safe and easy arrival into Nairobi.
- Praise God for our work permits being reapproved.
- Praise God for an enjoyable orientation training course, and a chance to make new friends.
- Praise God for the provision of a long-term place to live.
- Pray for the provision of a good, reliable vehicle and household items and the funds to cover the costs for both.
- Continue to pray for God to help us with our transition, and help us to develop relationships with new people.
- Pray for our protection and safety.

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