

THE PUBOLS POST

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.." —Philippians 4:6, NIV

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED

As I write this letter, we are busy packing our belongings for our long trip to Nairobi, Kenya. We depart on January 21 from the JFK airport in New York City. After about 20 hours of travel, we'll arrive in Kenya.

We've been anticipating and preparing for this move for a while. It feels almost like it's crept up silently and suddenly jumped out on us. Now we're in the last stretch of our race to get ready. We are bringing only what we can take on the plane. Our tickets allot each of us three free checked bags and two carry-ons. While many items can be purchased in Kenya, some are more expensive, not available or not exactly like what we are used to. We're also taking into account that we will experience more time without electricity due to brown outs, so we want to take along some items that don't require electricity.

All of our papers, pictures, music and videos are coming electronically. A few of the other items we'll be taking include: voltage converters, a non-stick frying pan, dual voltage hair dryer, our American measuring cups and spoons, and a two year supply of antiperspirant.

We're excited and nervous. There's still a lot to do, and our departure is in a week. Thank you for being part of getting us to this point!



Pile of bags. These are some of the bags we will be taking with us to Kenya.

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

Moving always comes with excitement and some anxious thoughts. While we've both visited Kenya, moving there for a couple of years will be very different. We wonder:

- What will we eat?
- What will we drink?
- Where will we live?
- Will we fit in and enjoy this new culture?
- Who will we meet?
- Who will our friends be?
- What will we do for fun?
- How will we spend our holidays?

We are reminded of what Jesus says in Matthew 6:31-34, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we

wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Are we free from all our worries? No. However, we are choosing to trust the Lord to take care of us. Please pray for us that we will remain focused on God's kingdom and that He'll free us from any anxieties we may have.

Find our new address and skype telephone number on the back under contact us.

OUR NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS

We'll be going through a period of transition before we begin our jobs at the office in Nairobi. Here's some of what we'll be experiencing.

- January 21: depart for Kenya from New York
- January 22: arrive in Kenya
- January 23-30: stay in a guest house and receive a basic orientation to Nairobi

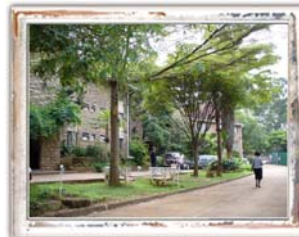
- January 31: depart for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- February 2-20: participate in a course designed to give us an orientation to living in east Africa
- February 21: return to Nairobi and move into temporary housing
- February 23: begin working

Rhinos! Heather on safari in Kenya in 2005.



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The sign in front of the office where we will be working.

Inside. A view inside the compound where we will work.



Co-workers. Some of the people with whom we will be working in Kenya.

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS



- Praise God for providing us a team of prayer and financial ministry partners!
- Praise God for continued improvement in Heather's father's brain cancer condition.
- Praise God for time to visit with family and friends during the holidays.
- Pray for safe travels.
- Pray for our work visas to be re-approved.
- Pray for God to give us peace and rest during our transition.
- Pray for God to help us connect with new friends and co-workers.
- Pray for the provision of a long-term place to live.

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