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NAIROBI KENYA

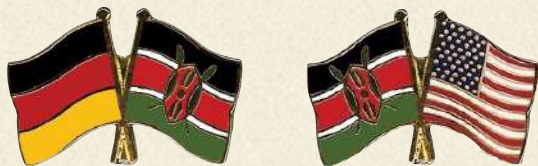
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Dear Friends,

Elfi and I are always thankful to know we have a big family around the globe who pray and support our ministry in Nairobi.

Each day brings with it enough challenges in our lives. This last week had its own share of anxious moments in our lives, reminding us again of our vulnerability and how needy we are before God.

As we reported in our last update, Elfi and I will be on a **six month furlough** beginning June 15th this year. We have been praying for God's provision for this furlough. We had planned to raise an extra budget of \$10,000. The reasons: we needed tickets to Germany, an apartment, rent a car to move around and later travel to the States. God has been faithful as tickets for Germany and the States are taken care of.



Traveling to other countries for a period of six months has its own challenges and anxious moments because of the amount of planning that goes with it. Questions in our minds as to who will stay in our house or how is the church going to look like with us gone for an extended time are some of the things going

on in our minds right now. However, anxieties were accelerated this last week when the Government of Kenya communicated to all those who own a house with 3 bedrooms or more are required to install **water heater solar systems**. The cost for installing a solar system in our house after being surveyed is \$2,000 if it is not done we are told there will be a fine of \$10,000! The deadline is May 27th!! Phew!!!

In the midst of our anxieties being raised to a much higher level, God gave us a promise. It seemed as if God was part of our conversation. God's promise in **Philippians 4:19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus"** gave us so much comfort from His word.

Elfi and I are counting on you to pray with us that first, God's peace will be in our hearts as we wait upon his promises to be fulfilled and second, that God will provide these unexpected costs before we travel.





We praise God that Anishma, the Indian girl we took 7 years ago has found a husband! Interestingly, Anishma mentioned to me (Joe) that since we are her parents I should worry about her future husband based on Indian culture. That was unexpected. *However, God had already planned it all.* A young Indian man from Oman contacted me after I shared briefly with his father about my dilemma (I knew this family when they lived in Nairobi). He said, "I have my son who is looking." The rest is history, as they say. Arun and the mother came for a visit in April and both liked each other. Anishma and Arun got engaged. She turns 20 in three weeks! Now we are planning for a wedding, most likely which will take place in Bangalore, India early next year.



In this photo I am pleased to introduce Pastor Prakash Kethia, and his wife Harsha. Praise God with me that Pastor Prakash who is from an Indian Brahmin background will be joining us as a pastor early next year 2018. You have

prayed with us for many years that we would have an Indian pastor. Please do praise God with us in the midst of our anxieties.

God is good! Thank you for your partnership and financial support.

God's grace and peace be with you!

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