

> transforming lives in Kenya

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## LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FIELD



Jojo and Bellas having fun attending Fellowship!



Nasha's Creations measuring for school uniforms



The Bluegrass Bike Ride was a great encouragement to Nasha as riders pedaled 300 miles across Kentucky

Since our last newsletter we have seen several things happen around Narok and at Nasha. Some things have been incredible, others we wish had never come, but in the midst of it all God teaches us. Here are a few of the lessons we've learned:

### Everything in its time

It is overwhelming thinking about to do lists - people to see, things that need to get done, family responsibilities. However, one thing that God keeps bringing us back to is, "everything in its time." Do what you can and take time for rest.

### He restores my soul

At the point of feeling discouraged, God sent His care. This summer we hosted Venture interns and others from JAARS, Ends of the Earth Cycling and YouthHope. We were blessed by and encouraged by the fresh enthusiasm the visits brought. They were able to contribute to fellowships, build a new church plant and be able to train several youth workers in three areas.

In August, we were encouraged by the Bluegrass Bike Ride. Eleven cyclists plus support staff set off from Lexington, KY in a 300-mile ride to help raise awareness and support for the youth of Kenya. Thank you to all who participated. The ride was a wonderful experience for all those who participated as they were pushed, strengthened, and encouraged each day. There will be more bike rides in the

future, so please contact us if you are interested in participating.

### Joy comes in the morning

At times we go through trials to be able to experience God's joy in the end. God has placed us where we are for a purpose. Our goal is not to wish for something else, but to strive to follow Him in the midst of where we are. All of us are placed by God for a purpose: to live according to His word.

In April, Narok faced several flash floods that were devastating to the town. Dozens of lives and businesses were lost. The need was overwhelming as we saw Red Cross helicopters fly overhead to survey the damage. Stories of families who lost businesses or even children to the floods were heard each day. Although we were not able to do a large project as a ministry, we were able to see that several children were able to go back to school by providing school uniforms, sweaters, and school and hygiene supplies. Narok is still recovering from the damage but the community has come together. God calls us to be Jesus just where we are.

### Family Update

We are excited to start out the new school year with Jojo in 1st grade and Bellas in preschool, along with also starting Swahili lessons and Girl Scouts. The girls are gaining more confidence in Kenya and are more eager to serve in the community.

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## prayer requests

- Upcoming camp in December
- Students as they return to school and prepare for end of the year exams
- Pray about becoming a part of our support team and joining in what God is doing in Kenya
- Narok Church as they are leading a new church plant - pray that many more would come to know Jesus.

## special request

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One of the most life changing experiences for youth and children that we do is our camps. This December, we hope to have our annual Christmas camp. The theme will be *What Would Jesus Do?* The children, youth volunteers and staff have been learning from this theme all year long in our fellowships. We have also been able to train several new volunteers. All of this is leading up to the climax of camp in December. However, we need your help. We hope to raise \$4950 to cover the cost of camp, as well as gifts for volunteers and back to school gifts for all the attendees. Please consider making a special donation this year to help cover the cost of camp. Any amount that you are able to give is greatly appreciated and makes a difference in the life of a youth and a child. Please designate the funds to *Ombati - Projects* for this purpose.