Mission News from Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele





Foreign to Familiar Familiar to Foreign



Our Home and Work in East Africa

Before we came to East Africa, we were assigned a number of books to read to prepare us for the transition. One such book is *Foreign to Familiar*. It describes the process of moving from one culture to another and then becoming at home in your new setting.

We have learned many new things living in Kenya and among those of the East Africa community of peoples. The foreign is becoming more and more familiar. Many of our assumptions from our own culture have been challenged. We see things through eyes becoming different. We hear words that are becoming well known. We are thinking in ways that are new and renewed. We are encouraged by the mutual faith we share with them.

We have now been on Home Service for about six weeks. Returning to the USA, in many ways the familiar (our home culture) feels foreign to a degree. I guess if we stayed for longer it would all come back. But it is clear that the pull to return to the mission field grows stronger as time passes. We miss our home at Matongo. We miss our African friends. And we miss being with the students, doing the work to which the Lord has called us.

We would not be able to do this work without you. So, even as we miss our new home, we are so very grateful to you—our oldest friends—for your love and support. You have been truly encouraging. We have been refreshed by our time with you—in such a way that we will be ready to return and labor where we have been called.

As always, we appreciate you and your commitment to our Lord.

In Christ's love,

Walter and Robyn Steele



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7/4 July 4th Party @ The

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7/5 Redeemer, Ridgecrest CA

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7/18 Faith, Wylie TX

7/19 Faith, Wylie TX

7/23 St. John, Frisco TX

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