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Dear Friends & Family,

Greetings from our family to yours. I hope that this letter finds you all doing well and that you continue serving our Lord Jesus wholeheartedly. Please accept our sincere apologies for this long overdue newsletter. A lot has happened over the last several months and we are excited to sit down and finally give you a glimpse at what God has been doing in and through our family here in Kenya. We continue to be amazed at the Lord's provision made possible through your faithfulness in prayer and giving.

As we reflect back on the 2020-2021 school year, it is fair to say that it has been a roller coaster of unanticipated circumstances. I know for most of you, you could say the same thing. We experienced country wide shut downs, curfews, both virtual and in-person school, mask mandates, quarantines and much more. In the midst of this, our kids were adjusting to a new school, new country, and culture. It was challenging to say the least, but it was extremely rewarding to see God's hand in every little detail along the way. Time after time, the Lord continues to affirm our calling to serve Him here in Kenya!

When we sent out our last full newsletter, Kenya had just announced another COVID lockdown and all schools had to return to remote learning once again. This was a necessary decision on the part of the Kenyan Government to help stop the spread of Covid, but our weary students, teachers and parents were just getting used to being back in-person. Once again we had to get those creative juices flowing in order to create meaningful lessons for all of the kids we serve.



Thankfully, with some ingenuity and use of iMovie and other tools and technology we never missed a beat in creating fun and interactive Biblical lessons for our students. A matter of fact, we had several students pray to receive the Lord at home in response to these online video lessons. Not only did they reach students, but in many cases the parents even watched the content and heard the good news! We were so thankful that prayers were answered and that weeks later positivity rates decreased and we were able to finish out the last couple weeks of school in-person and celebrate some of those decisions together. Praise the Lord that despite all that is going on around us, He is still at work in drawing hearts and lives to Himself and he allows us to play a part in that work!





As a special education teacher, Leah's role has proven to be crucial in our ministry here. Oftentimes mission organizations and non-government agencies are faced with the difficult decision to ask talented personnel to leave the field when faced with certain diagnoses or when a child is struggling with learning disabilities. Leah has been tasked with helping to provide this adequate learning support needed to keep these personnel on the field. Currently, Leah serves students from countries which include America, Canada, Kenya, Netherlands, Korea and Ethiopia. She also works one on one with several IMB families who could not continue to serve here in East Africa without a specialized education for their students. Leah is able to use her experience, training and knowledge to help these kids overcome challenges while also allowing their parents to continue serving in the important roles in which God has called them to serve.

One of Leah's favorite moments of the year was during the height of Covid when Kenya had put a stop to all in-person learning. Special exceptions had been given for specialized one on one services to take place. With strict protocols in place, Leah was able to meet one on one with some of her students with learning disabilities. A fellow missionary family whose daughter struggles with Dyslexia and Dyscalculia happened to be one of those students. They knew during their time in India that their daughter had greater needs than the small international school could remediate. They were forced with the difficult decision to either leave the field or perhaps serve in a place where some of these needs could be met. They knew it would be a difficult road ahead, but the Lord orchestrated everything from their move to Kenya and our arrival at Rosslyn Academy to help provide such services for their daughter. With the implementation of new strategies and methods of learning her reaction was priceless. She immediately responded by saying, "The words aren't jumping around. I am a super fast reader." It was remarkable to see the change in confidence and the potential she now has with the implementation of these strategies. Praise the Lord that despite a challenging year of Covid, this student has made tremendous progress during her first year at Rosslyn. This and so many other stories is exactly why we have been called to Kenya!



Now that we have begun the 2021-22 school year, we ask that you continue to lift our team up as we serve our students and help them grow in their faith as well as their academic achievements. Pray for the families of these students as they carry out the important work that the Lord has called them to here in Kenya and all over Africa!



Along with our continued ministry with Rosslyn Academy, we continue to serve in various other capacities also. Paul serves as volunteer chaplain and worship minister at ICF (International Christian Fellowship) which meets on the school's campus. This congregation is very diverse and represents many nations around the world. We also serve as team associates with the IMB (International Mission Board) Nairobi city team and assist in their ongoing mission strategy. It has been incredible to see how God is moving throughout the city in drawing people to Himself through street evangelism, training and discipleship of new believers, pastors and leaders. Please continue to pray for these ongoing ministries!



We recently had the privilege of Baptizing 9 people (Ages 7-49)! Please pray that each of them will continue to grow as followers of Christ as they too carry the Gospel out to the world!



Finally, dear friends and family, we want to sincerely thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. We could not do any of this work without your partnership and your ongoing commitment to giving and praying. As you faithfully give of your time in prayer and/or your finances, we will continue to be faithful to our calling in sharing the love of Christ on this side of the world. Please know that we continue to lift you up as well as we stay united through the Spirit of the living God.

Blessings, as we serve HIM together

Paul, Leah, Allison, Evan & Ethan Eardensohn

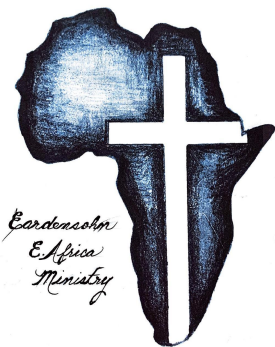
“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive your inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.”

-Colossians 3:23-24

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