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Hello Everyone!

A new message from Charlotte Sinclair Barkley, Bush Telegraph mission from Nairobi, Kenya, on the first leg of their Africa 2011 mission journey.

If you would like to send Charlotte a brief message, you may send it to me and I will be happy to forward your greetings and prayers to her. Computers are scarce in Africa and often her visits are far out into bush country with no, or very limited, electricity or modern conveniences. She may not be able to Reply until her return to USA but welcomes your notes of encouragement.

Please keep Charlotte and the Team (see below) in your prayers as they prepare for the work the Lord has for them in Kenya. Pray also for the souls and lives of those they come in contact with throughout this year's Africa journey.

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*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"* <sup>[a]</sup> (Isaiah 52:7) – Romans 10:14-15

In His Amazing Love,

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**Dear Family and Friends of the Persecuted Church,**

**Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name** from Nairobi, Kenya! The Team (Daniel, Cheryl & myself) arrived at Mayfield Guest House late last night (Tuesday) tired but happy.

**You may have noticed** that two names are missing from the list. Unfortunately Rosalind, our designated 'Nurse', became ill a few days before the trip and had to cancel. Kevin, being a minor, was not allowed to

travel w/o Grandma. Though we will miss them terribly, we are confident that God will continue to be faithful and provide our Team's needs. Please pray for those former Teammates.

### **AFRICA ACCORDING TO DANIEL** (as seen through his 16 yr old eyes)

**"When asked to write** about my trip I thought, "Oh boy, what do I choose to write about?" It is very difficult to choose. Already God has taught me so much that I wish I had time to write them all down.

**Right out of the Nairobi Airport** (after we arrived in Africa) I realized the dangers of driving here! I have a feeling that any driver from the USA could not handle the stress of driving here.

**My observation of the people** can be summed up in one word: CONTENT. They do not rely on money or things to make them happy. Their happiness comes from their relationships and that is the way it should be. God intended us to be creatures that spend time building relationships, not making money.

**Overall my experience** has been out of this world. To come to a place like Kenya and share Christ's love is absolutely a dream come true. I thank God for a blessing such as this. Thanks for your prayers and support!"

Love,  
Daniel

### **AFRICA ACCORDING TO CHERYL** (as seen through her school teacher eyes)

**"The plane rides** were very interesting. We first landed in Detroit, then Amsterdam and finally Nairobi.

**The people I sat next to** on each flight were very friendly and nice.

One person let me use her head set so I could watch a movie (mine was broken). I also met a family with a mother and daughter. I am literally one day older than the daughter! Her name is Amina as she is originally from Africa (I forgot what part, maybe Nairobi). She taught me a bunch of Swahili words, which I have written in my journal.

**Rafiki (friend)**, it is good to write to you. Soon I will see you and tell you all about Kenya!

Love,  
Cheryl

### **AFRICA ACCORDING TO CHARLOTTE, TEAM LEADER**

(Of course, the REAL Team Leader is the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!)

### **LEAVING USA**

**It took two cars** to get me to the Airport in Phoenix. The Zapotocky's from the Kinship group drove the luggage and Michelle drove me! As we were on our way, something made me pull out my money pouch (for valuables/money) from my Mary Poppins bag to wear around my neck, as is my custom when I travel overseas. I was horrified to see my Passport was missing! Then I remembered, I'd taken it out to make copies for each piece of luggage about 4 a.m. You guessed it. I left the Passport in the copy machine! Fortunately we were only about 2 miles from home and had enough time to go back.

**There were 5 Excess Baggage** bags and sadly my special letters on letterhead did not work. Thus Delta charged the mission an arm and a leg (even fingers and toes!). A small price to pay for the joy these special relief supplies bring our suffering widows, orphans, refugees, AIDS, child soldiers and disabled. They know we really truly CARE.

**At the airport** we had a wonderful group to see us off: Cheryl's very very special special good good friend and Daniel's mother, grandmother and

little brother. Oh, and one 'person' I almost forgot - "Little Orphan Raggedy Annie", our team mascot. She stands about 3 feet tall with bright red hair. Special thanks to "adopted mom" Bonnie who gave her a complete loving makeover! Cheryl is in charge of "Annie" and we know she'll be a big hit with all the kids in Kitale!

## ARRIVAL

**We had 3 planes** in all. We thank God that our 2 connecting flights were on time with enough 'layover' time to find our respective gates to make the next one. In Nairobi after clearing Customs and Immigration, there was Charles, the driver from Mayfield Guest House waiting (though he wears many other 'hats'). Things were quiet when we arrived but the night guard had our room keys ready. The Team had a new experience sleeping under a mosquito net.

## WEDNESDAY

**After a breakfast** of oatmeal, toast and fresh papaya, I mentioned to Livingstone (Mayfield staff) that we needed to buy 3 medicines for 1,000 children: De-worming meds (1,000 doses); Malaria meds (50 doses) and Antibiotics (30 doses X 5). Livingstone said, "I'll call a friend who works for AIM (Africa Inland Mission) ... named Sammy."

**Meantime I mentioned** to another staff that when the Team finishes in Kitale, we return to Nairobi and will have 1/2 day for a Safari. Right away he put us in touch with a lady who has a reliable service. She came out to Mayfield about 8 am and we sat outside in the beautiful garden making the arrangements. We're all set!

**Sammy was to arrive** about 9 am. So when the front desk rang our room to say someone was there to see me, I thought it was Sammy. I greeted the 3 people (Kenyans) in the front lobby but it took a few minutes for it to sink in this was NOT Sammy but our host Pastor Timothy coming a day early! Did I ever feel embarrassed that I didn't recognize him right off

the bat.

## **SAMMY - AIM**

**We settled down** in the sitting room with coffee to discuss our schedule. Then Sammy of AIM arrived and joined us. It amazed me how God worked out so many details today that I was worried about without me even making it happen!

**Later Sammy, the Team and I** left in her car to go to a discount pharmacy company in the downtown area (which we are joining for future use of meds). They gave us a screamin' deal (as our pastor would say). The whole experience was amazing, i.e. fighting the traffic, finding parking is a BIG issue in downtown (our driver befriended a security guard who opened a gate and like magic, we had a spot not available to the public!)

**The pharmacy company** sends to missions all over Africa. They were up a flight of stairs in a building that was not finished. I looked around at all the missing walls, windows, stairwells, that spell DANGER in the USA. Yet no one seemed concerned about it and from the looks it has been 'under construction' for years! I told the Team to expect to see 'unfinished' buildings/homes throughout Kenya for lots of reasons.

**I was worried** about how we'd work out the payment as I'd not yet been to the bank to change money. Sammy rescued us and paid 40,000 Kenyan Shillings cash (all he had with him). The total cost was 57,300 Kenyan shillings. If we'd bought the meds 'over the counter' it would have cost us double! The pharmacy workers loaded up 5 boxes of meds on a trolley and one followed us back through the bustling city traffic to where our car was parked. It was a bit scary to cross busy main roads, walking IN FRONT of moving vehicles but no one pays attention to crosswalks or lights. Somehow the cars or buses or trucks came to an abrupt stop an inch or so away from us.

**Back at Mayfield** we'd missed lunch (which is served at 1 pm), but the

staff graciously kept our food in the kitchen. They set the table in the dining room and a pastor from Uganda joined us. We devoured roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy and mixed veggies. Delicious!

**The Team stayed** to rest as they are not over their 'jet lag' and from now on it's going to be 'full speed ahead' in Kitale!

**Sammy and I** then drove to Wilson Airport to begin the process of setting up an account with AIM. This will be very helpful for future projects as they have a head office in the USA and we can pay through them. After I was finished with the Accountant, Sammy introduced me to their Travel Agent. I said, "You mean I can book my flight to Kinshasa, Congo, NOW???"

**So that's what** I did. You see, I have to plan ahead as when we arrive back in Nairobi, I must hop on a plane to Kinshasa where I'm expected on the 14th - the day the Team leaves for the USA! I was so relieved to get this taken care of by a reliable agent at a missionary rate!

**Supper was a** potato casserole and yummy cabbage salad and an ice cream desert. Several others joined our dinner table and the Team really enjoyed getting acquainted. After supper we had a Team meeting to go over our program in Kitale. The Team is learning so much, soaking it all in and I am very proud of them.

## **GOODNIGHT**

**The old clock** on the wall says it's about midnight on our side of the world so we'll sign off for now! We'll be sending photos as soon as possible! Thank you again for your prayers.

In His Love,

Charlotte and Team