

The Maxwells in Kenya

Happy September! We pray that you are doing well. These past few weeks have been a heavy weight for the U.S. and we feel it here in Kenya as well. I have been taking solace in the Psalms, thinking of David and how he was a man after God's own heart. I don't understand how or why things happen, but I do know that we serve a God whose ways are higher. I'm thankful that we have room to lament and to praise Him through it.

What better example than David? He laments his circumstances and yet He praises God through it. I'm praying for a heart like David's. One that seeks Him through confusion with an honest heart, crying out to God with raw emotions but also with a desire to have more understanding and direction. May we seek God's face, asking for more understanding and more of Him.



TRU has had many things to celebrate and many things to lament. We had to release a beloved team member after giving him many chances. It was a dramatic and hard goodbye. Please pray for him as he is struggling with using drugs and now finding a job. It isn't easy to know when to let go and when to continue to help. We've also had one of the boys in the program leave school without permission. He has run away before and has unfortunately chosen not to follow the program. Both of these situations pull at our hearts, but we know that God is the author and perfecter of their story. Please pray with us for these two boys but also for our team to have wisdom and discernment when these situations arise. That we would follow the Holy Spirit's prompting in how TRU should respond. It isn't easy but we are thankful for the Helper and for your prayers.

We have many things to celebrate as well! TRU has been busy with teams visiting and we are thankful. It is always good to see the ministry through fresh eyes. It is an encouragement to our family and to our team. These teams come to serve the boys and girls of our programs, but also to support our TRU team. We love to share what God is doing in Kenya, but those who visit teach us many things as well! We are blessed.

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands for there I find delight. Psalm 119:33-35

Our art class on Thursdays is for boys 15 and younger. Most of the boys who are coming are home based, meaning that they have a home but are out on the streets during the day. They aren't going to school because their families can't pay school fees. We are thankful that they are coming to art class, but are praying how TRU can discern how best to help these boys and their families. This group of boys is very attentive during Bible study and is very engaged in creating. We are praying that the gospel pierces their hearts. Pray with us!





God is moving and we are thankful to be a part of it. Our boys and girls programs are growing and we are praying for wisdom and discernment in how to adapt. Our friends Billy and Darleen Honc have started working with TRU in helping expand our discipleship program. There have been multiple baptisms over the last few months. Praise the Lord! The Honcs have started working with a small group of our young ladies who were among those baptized. They are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays for in depth bible study and discipleship. Please pray with us for these young ladies as it is not always easy for them to come to class. We pray that God uses this time with these girls to create disciple makers!



Our annual Christmas Parties for our boys and girls are quickly approaching! They will be the second week of December. More information will be coming. Please start praying for these events. Asante!

We are also celebrating a group of our boys who are getting close to graduating the TRU program! They have gone through drug rehab, through vocational training and are now entering the exiting stage of the program. Please pray with us for these boys as they are now going out into the world on their own. This stage has been the most difficult for our boys. Finding a job is not easy in a market that is oversaturated and not stable. But praise the Lord! This group of boys are all being proactive and two have already been offered jobs and all four have found housing. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in preparing these boys. Pray for job opportunities and for perseverance in staying sober and in following Christ. Pray that these boys will be disciple makers and leaders in their communities.





Our family is doing well. Emma graduated Ouachita Baptist University in May and we were blessed to be there for it. She is now serving in an internship at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas and going to seminary at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary working towards a Masters in Missions. Maddie is now a junior at Ouachita Baptist University and Caden is a junior at Rosslyn Academy here in Nairobi. We all were able to spend time together this summer in the States. We are thankful for God's faithfulness in our children's lives!

Thank you for taking the time to read about what God is up to and for praying for us! Please let us know if there is anything we can pray with you about!



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