

# Serving with A.I.M.

Last weekend we had our first official interview since application with the Mobilisation Team from A.I.M. It was a great blessing to us that this could take place in Thingwall. The interview was very positive and resulted in unanimous agreement to move on to the next stage of the discernment process.

That is to attend a second interview with the personnel and other UK/EU leaders within A.I.M. which will include time spent with the whole family, and also with a rep from the church to prepare us as a 'sending organisation' as well as a 'going family'. This is likely to take place in the second half of January but we await the exact date/location at the moment.

We have added our own step into the process which is a trip to Kenya booked for 29/12 until 10/1. We plan to visit Rift Valley Academy to get a more tangible sense of what goes on and how life is lived out there. This is a really important step for us in making this decision and because our girls are a little older and more independent than the typical children of missionaries going overseas.

We are also pleased to be visiting Neema to bless, serve and encourage them (though I'm sure we will come away changed for the better ourselves) and to get to know and find out more about our fellow partners in God's mission.

Please pray for:

- Safe travel to/from and within Kenya
- Travel arrangements and ideas to come together quickly and smoothly.
- For protected time to meet with key people who will help us understand the whole process better.
- For God to open our eyes and broaden our horizons.
- A real knowledge of God's presence with us helping us to discern if this opportunity is the right one for us to be following.
- That we would be a blessing to Neema in our time spent there.
- Courage to make the right/best decisions for everyone involved in the process.
- For the second interview to fit into a very busy January schedule.