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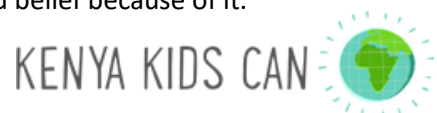


PUTMAN NEWS



Greetings from Kijabe! We have completed Term One here at RVA and have come out smiling. God has been so faithful and we are feeling blessed. One of the highlights of this term for Zoe was hearing stories from girls in the dorm about their families' ministries across Africa. One girl shared how her parents spread the gospel in a Southern African country where the culture is predominantly Muslim by teaching a handful of local believers chunks of the bible (multiple chapters at a time) in their back garden. This takes all day, and then when the believers have memorised the content they return to their businesses and families, passing on the scriptures they have learned. Many people in Mozambique live in fear of demons and feel their curses. People are desperate for freedom and healing, and they are finding it through understanding the word of God. A woman who used to regularly run through the town naked and confused, is now presenting peaceful and clear minded. The whole community knew her ways and many now believe in the power of Jesus to heal and deliver. For Zoe to hear the student talk about her family ministry with such ownership and conviction was inspiring and encouraging. Many of these students have seen the power of the gospel at work and have tremendous faith and belief because of it.

During our midterm (long weekend) break in October John was privileged to spend a day with a local charity called *Kenya Kids Can*, which is a ministry in the Rift Valley that helps to provide school lunches and also operates solar-powered computer centres to improve education and bring hope to needy students. It was set up by staff from RVA around the turn of the century and now feeds around 21 thousand children a nutritious lunch 5 days a week. It is great to see how staff at RVA can find ways to invest in the local community in addition to the amazing ministry here, educating and discipling students enabling their families to serve across the continent. (<https://kenyakidscan.org/>)





Amber was the first in the family to celebrate a birthday in Kenya turning 13 on 21st November with Zoe's mum arriving just in time to join the fun and staying until after Christmas.



We sponsor Amber's 7th grade class which means we hang out with them and help them plan events (the events will eventually get larger and larger as they grow through the school). Every class at RVA prays for a different unreached people group somewhere in Africa. The "Sevies", as they are affectionately known, are praying for the Antakarana people who live at the northern tip of Madagascar.



Sadie's 10th grade class are praying for the nation of Somalia.



Zoe said goodbye to one of the Kindergarteners who is returning to Niger in January but will be welcoming a new student after Christmas who is arriving from



Sadie and Amber were both involved in the Christmas music concert, Sadie on flute and in the choir and Amber on her violin in the string group. Amber has also signed up to be part of the Junior High drama and is joining the hockey team for next term, and Sadie is getting involved in the worship team after Christmas since the Lord has provided a piano on loan to us!



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 These are some lyrics from the song we sang at the final assembly of term; which had a theme of thankfulness as we gave thanks for the term and celebrated American 'Thanksgiving'. We are very thankful to all of you who support this ministry in prayer and support and finance - Philippians 1:3.

- Praise:
- For a positive first term, new relationships, settling in well.
 - That Amber's asthma has been well controlled.
 - That Kenya has had plenty of rain.
 - For Della's safe arrival and the chance to spend 6 weeks together.
 - For the provision of a piano to bring more music into our home.
 - For the encouragement of receiving monies into our support account from people we don't know.
- Requests:
- Ongoing negotiations about visas/work permits for RVA staff including us.
 - For our boarding students who have safely returned to their families across Africa for the December break. May they be richly blessed by rest and recuperation, richly bless their local communities with their Christian service, and return safely to RVA in early January.
 - We are borrowing a vehicle from December to July from missionaries who are taking a two-term home assignment. Please pray for the practicalities of registering and insuring it and for safety on the Kenyan roads.
 - For a fast, smooth process letting out our home and for good tenants.
 - RVA is in need of lots of staff from August 2024 – please pray for recruitment and mobilisation.