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## OFF TO AFRICA

On June 13th, the summer missions trip begins for 9 of our youth, along with Bret and 3 other leaders. We invite you to pray for these youth who will experience the world of missions, not from the perspective of being a missionary's kid, but being the missionary themselves.

Their schedule is as follows:

June 13-14: Flight from Charlotte to Chicago, Amsterdam, then Nairobi (Kenya)

June 15: Arrive in Nairobi at 6:30am; adjust to time zone, learn skills from bible translators

June 16-18: Serve at New Life Home by caring for infant and pre-school orphans, many of whom are HIV positive, and completing a work project.

June 19-21: Travel to remote Narok to minister to street children and assist a local church with a VBS program for 100+ children.

June 22-24: Travel to Maasai Villages to provide VBS and evangelistic teaching, in support of the rural village churches.

June 25: Debriefing and safari at the Maasai Mara Game Park.

June 26: a 6-8 hour car trip back to Nairobi on rough roads.

June 27-28: Fly back to Charlotte, with an overnight layover in Amsterdam.

*If you would like further details about their time in Kenya, you can visit our website for regular updates.*



Jerry, Riah, Bret, Sarah, Jenny, Helen Marie, Jeff, Laura, Claire, Joy, Ester, Shelly, & Abby

## HELP WANTED...

During our ministry at the JAARS Center (almost 2 years!), we have worked with hundreds of families, enhanced the high school ministry, and restarted the middle school program. These programs require writing multiple lesson plans, countless administrative tasks, developing training programs, as well as other odd jobs. As a result, we

have not even begun to develop some major components of the MK ministry that are heavy on our hearts.

Our vision from the beginning was to develop a comprehensive flow of care for families (and specifically their MKs) beyond JAARS to benefit Wycliffe missionaries world wide. Some of the long term goals include creating **exten-**


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**sive re-entry programs** to help families transition from living overseas, **prepare curriculum** for many parents who voluntarily run MK youth programs in remote parts of the world, and **care for college-aged MKs** as their parents continue to live on other continents. Due to time and resources we haven't been able to do this...until now.

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## PRAISES...

- June 1st Mike & Beth Matheson begin their ministry with us, taking over the Middle School group.
- A new Bible study for Middle School girls began in May.
- The finances for the Kenya Missions trip have been fully provided for (thank you!).
- We had/have encouraging visits from supporters, friends and family in the spring and summer.



If you would like to receive regular updates, please email Mindy at [mindy\\_taylor@sil.org](mailto:mindy_taylor@sil.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS...

- We have been receiving on average only 85% of our needed financial support over the past 5 months. Pray for new, committed partners to help with our needs.
- The Kenya summer missions team will be on their trip June 13th to 28th. Pray for safety and life-changing experiences.
- We have many seniors graduating and moving onto college and careers. Pray for the Lord's guidance as they make decisions about their future.
- Many families will be returning to the mission field or coming to the JAARS center this summer. Pray for them as they transition.



## ...HELP FOUND! (continued)

We finally have the help we need with the arrival of the Mathesons! Mike and Beth Matheson, along with their daughter, Leigh, will be joining us in our Ministry as of June 1st. Together we will be able to strategically enhance the effectiveness of the ministry beyond JAARS to families around the world. Needless to say, we have been anticipating their arrival.

Both Mike and Beth are Missionary Kids, both having spent multiple years of their childhood in a foreign country. They have a deep desire to work with MKs.

Mike and Beth will focus on the Middle School Youth Program,

overseeing the various large and small groups and ministering to the missionary families who are stationed at the JAARS center for various lengths of time.

They are also planning to develop an international network for volunteer youth leaders on Wycliffe bases world-wide. Most of the volunteer leaders have no youth ministry training; they are mainly support personnel, such as teachers or computer technicians, who simply have a heart for missionary kids. They are planning to provide, via the internet, training and needed resources for youth leaders on the field. Eventually, they hope to make short-term



Beth & Mike Matheson, with Leigh, age 6

international trips to do youth leader training on-site.

We encourage you to pray for Mike and Beth as they join us in the ministry and begin to build relationships with students, families and other youth workers in the Wycliffe organization world-wide.