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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Warmest Christian greetings from Nairobi, Kenya!

We had several stressful incidents happen since we last wrote: dialysis treatment for Dominica's mom in Australia, our vehicle broken into in Uganda and an earthquake in Kenya (we are living in an apartment near our office). We know that you have been praying for us! Our faith is in our risen Lord!

#### **Dialysis of Dominica's Mother**

Dominica spent some time with her sick mom in Sydney going through orientation for using the dialysis machine. Her mother is now familiarized with the machine and is coping okay. Dominica's elder sister, Margaret, is able to continue helping mom and Dominica returned to Nairobi in July.

#### **Bible Camp & Vehicle Broken into**

Daniel, Nathaniel and Hannah together with another SIL colleague, Jessie Wei, attended the Bible Exposition Camp in Jinja, Uganda at the end of the Easter break. We enjoyed wonderful exposition preaching from Monday through Friday. However, on Saturday our vehicle was broken into at the neighbouring camp site. Our laptops, wallet, all our cash, credit cards, passports, and identity cards were stolen! PTL that the mobile phone was with us and Dominica in Sydney could send out an urgent prayer request through email! Daniel had some strange calls from someone wanting to meet him at Mabira Forest to collect

our stolen goods. It was known to be a dangerous place, so he decided to stay with the kids rather than attempting to get the valuable things back. The shortage of diesel in Uganda during that month also made it difficult for us to return home. Uganda has no Australian High Commission, so with the help of the Canadian High Commission in Uganda, and the Australian High Commission in Kenya, we were able to get our IDs to travel back to Kenya. Nathaniel and Hannah had missed a week's lessons because of this.

#### **Update of Contact List**

Some of you may be wondering why you haven't heard from us for months and this is due to the loss of our laptop. We also lost most of our documents and photos we collected of Africa over the past nine years. If you have any digital photos received from us in the past, we would gladly welcome them back! If you know anyone who should receive our newsletters but has not received this issue, please let us know so that we can put them back on the distribution list.

After paying the penalty fee for our stolen passports we were re-issued new ones from United Kingdom and Daniel could travel back to Sydney to see Dominica and her mom. While he was there he spoke at the annual mission meeting at Praise Evangelical Free Church where six people dedicated to mission.

#### **Discovery Teams from America & Asia**

Two teams from the USA and Hong Kong visited Uganda and Kenya in June and August. They were amazed by the long process of Bible translation work and the importance of the Word in the mother tongue. Some of the team members committed to sponsor Kenyan orphans and pay for their education. Three Mainland Chinese accepted Christ at our Mandarin Evangelistic Bible Study Group.

More teams are coming from Hong Kong as well as the production crews from Showers of Blessings Evangelistic Ministry of Canada in October through to November. Please continue to pray that God may use them.

We attended the annual retreat and conference of our Uganda-Tanzania Branch at Malindi from 21-27 July. The speaker was Rev Dr Michael Raiter from Australia, the principal of Bible College of Victoria. He was Daniel's Greek teacher in Sydney 20 years ago. He was happy to

know BCV trained a convert from Kenya Chinese Gospel Fellowship, Jack Jia, who is pastoring a church in New Zealand now. And Pastor Iris Wong, who is pastoring the Kenya Chinese Gospel Fellowship in Nairobi is also a BCV graduate.

#### **OneStory Program in Kenya in Aug**

Daniel attended the first OneStory Program Workshop in our Ruiru Conference Center near Nairobi. This is a joint project partnership with Youth With A Mission, International Mission Board, Transworld Radio, Campus Crusade for Christ and Wycliffe. The participants from different language groups are excited to learn the story technique for the people groups without a Bible in their own language.

#### **Children's Life**

Both Nathaniel and Hannah passed with merits in their Grade 5 and 7 piano examinations in May. They have a good report card with GPA 3.8 and 3.7 and were promoted to Grades 11 and 12. They are planning to cut down some sports and music activities due to the work load they are facing at the junior and senior school year of high school. Nathaniel has started to take driving lessons in August. He plans to get a driver's license before returning to Australia for university study in July 2008.

#### **Chinese Mission Convention 2007**

Our family plans to attend the triennial Chinese Mission Convention organized by Ambassadors for Christ in Philadelphia from 26-30 December 2007. We will be on the East Coast of the US during December and January for some weeks. We look forward to seeing you if you are there too. Please let us know if we can be of any help in mobilizing missions with you.

#### **Chinese Mission in Africa 2008**

We are currently helping the Chinese Coordination Center on World Evangelization to organize the Chinese Mission in Africa--Consultation and Action. The conference will be in Kenya from 3-8 April 2008. We will assist in the pre-conference Chinese missionaries retreat, pre-conference safari, transportation and Sunday program, and most of all the post-conference discovery trips to different neighboring countries. Please pray that Chinese churches may have a breakthrough and seek to help by partnering missions in Africa. Please invite the pastors of your church and friends to come with you.

**Praise and Prayer Summary:**

- Thanks be to God for the discovery teams. Pray that God would call them for a longer term for mission at a suitable time.
- Give thanks for being able to organize the Chinese Mission in African for next April. Pray for many mission minded people to come and mobilize the partnership opportunity.
- Give thanks for the time in the Bible camp and God's protection. Please pray for peace and joy in times of challenge.
- PTL for Dominica's trip back to Sydney. Pray for the health of Dominica's mother at home and her father in the nursing home as they are being looked after by Dominica's siblings.
- Praise God for good academic results for Nathaniel and Hannah. Pray that they can choose a suitable course for tertiary study in the next two years.

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**Three Mainland Chinese accepted Christ at the Bible Study Group in our apartment, Kenya (Aug 07)**



**The dialysis machine of Dominica's mother (Jul 07)**



**The OneStory Program Workshop in Ruiru, Kenya (Aug 07)**



**Houston Discovery team visiting Lugwere Bible Translation project in Mbale, Uganda (Jun07)**



**Rev. Dr. Mike Raiter speaking at our branch's annual retreat (Jul07, Watamu, Kenya)**



**Multicultural Day of Rift Valley Academy (Oct07, Kijabe, Kenya)**