

Stories of grace inspire trust in Jesus

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Purchase an inexpensive, used hot tub from Craig's list, find a way to transport it into a building, put a tarp inside it, patiently fill it up with lukewarm water from a hose, drape black bedsheets around it and it becomes something beautiful — a portable baptistry.

Seeing God's Spirit at work in North Africa

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A couple weeks ago, I visited a town about nine hours north of here to see some of the countryside and take a look at what the team working there was doing. It was beautiful and amazing—and the scenery was just half of it.

Moving deeper into Maasai land

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It was our third day in the bush, in the land of the Maasai. And I had an

opportunity to preach. The service lasted five hours—nothing at all like an American church service. We missed lunch.

Arriving in the land of the Maasai

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Two pastor friends that we've known throughout our time here in Kenya invited Andrew and me to visit them. Their homes were 30 to 50 kilometers from any type of city—or civilization, for that matter. We were in the bush. And I loved it.

Learning from the Maasai

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The Maasai people are a nomadic tribe scattered across Kenya and Tanzania—one of 42 tribes in Kenya. Isaac Olonapa and Moses Parsoi are Maasai pastors studying at Kenya Baptist Theological College, on the same compound as the Wayland Baptist-Kenya campus in Limuru. Isaac and Moses are finishing their degrees while continuing to their home churches in the bush country of Maasai land. These are their stories.

Still praying for one troubled student

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The school term has ended here at the high school in Kenya where I've been teaching, coaching basketball and leading Bible studies. It was sad to see the kids off. I'm going to miss them.

Sweet fellowship far from home

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My missionary partner, Andrew, and I went to town to pick up some things for dinner. While we were in the supermarket, we met an American missionary couple.

Unexpected help from a Kenyan

angel

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My missions partner, Al, and I traveled by bus to Nairobi, arriving as the sun was setting—not the ideal situation for two guys walking around with suitcases, looking for a matatu (shared taxi) to Limuru. But God may have sent an angel our way that evening.

Tastes like home

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Here in Nyeri, Kenya, there are many coffee plantations around—some of the world's best quality coffee all around me. But I love Julie's Coffee Shop because it tastes like home.

Divine appointment at a cafe

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I came to the café to take a break from a long day of ministry. But when the Spirit of God lives in you and you are attentive to his leadership, it is quite possible your plans may be interrupted.

Meeting students where they are

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Amidst Greek row, we set up our tent across the street from the local bars and clubs. Until 2:00 in the morning, Resonate Church made countless pancakes and gallons of hot chocolate to pass out for free to those who stumbled by.

Cultural perceptions and misconceptions

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I had an interesting lunch conversation with my coworkers here in Kenya—one that prompted me to think about how our assumptions are often misconceptions.