

# The STAMPER Family News

Doug and Donna Stamper

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Missionaries in KENYA

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Dear Friends,

## Donna's Diary

I am so thankful that God allowed my father to go with us to Kenya this last time. Since my mother's death in 2003 he has had the desire to come visit and assist us in the ministry. The Lord gave him that opportunity in December and he was with us until our return to the States in March.

Things did not always go smoothly, as they never do when you have two families under one roof, but we always worked things out. Many times as things happened, I would remember a time from my childhood and tell the story to my children. They enjoyed hearing stories that I had not thought of in years and had never told them before.

I thoroughly enjoyed the times we had for the two of us to just sit and talk, something I do not remember ever having the opportunity to do with him in the past. Before he came, I took my "Honey Do List" and changed it to a "Daddy Do List" for while he was there. Although the tax issue cut his time short, he was able to make a good bit of progress on that list. I am so thankful that God blessed us with this visit from my father.

## Mary's Musings

Last fall, I started studying Intercultural Studies at Baptist Bible College to prepare to be a missionary in East Asia in the future. The Lord has truly blessed me with a good job, many friends and several ministry opportunities at Park Crest Baptist Church where I attend regularly. I was especially blessed with the opportunity to surprise my sister and show up for her high school graduation, without her ever knowing that I was coming. I have had the chance to spend 2 weeks with my family that I would never have had the opportunity to spend with them had it not been for the problems being faced in Kenya. I have constantly been reminded of the verse that says, "All things work together for good." Please pray for me as I go back to Springfield and work on campus over the summer and also for the new school year as I continue to prepare for the ministry that God has in store for me.

## Doug's Deliberations

As we left Kenya more than two months ago, we were apprehensive about the task ahead of us, as we knew that the job of trying to raise additional support without any preparation time would be tough. And it has been. But we praise God that He is ever faithful. We want to thank those of you who have raised our support to help us deal with the tax issue, and thank all of you for **PRAYING** with us about the tax crisis. We still await final word from the Kenya Revenue Authority as to the scope of the payment we will be required to give, and also know that the upcoming reading of the budget in Kenya's Parliament will be enlightening.

Yet, in our absence, the work goes on. Reports are coming that 16 were recently baptized at Karaba, and the church in Thika has begun to grow again, as the recovery process from the resignation of our long-time associate pastor, Steve, begins to be evidenced. Pray for the churches and pastors during our unplanned furlough, and that we can get back HOME real soon.

## Martha's Memo

When we returned from Kenya, I had trouble figuring out what the Lord had in store for me. After one week I found out at least one way He has blessed in bringing us back here. He has given me the privilege of Graduating with eight of my friends at Milford Christian School. In graduating at the school, I was able to graduate with my friends as well as have my Pastor do my Graduation. It was a very unexpected but wonderful surprise. I have also received news from Pensacola Christian College that I have been accepted for the fall semester of 2006. I am excited about going to Pensacola Christian College and studying Criminal Justice in hopes of getting a job with a police force after Graduation. God has really blessed me and showed me that even though He had to bring us back, He is still there to care for me and He will give me the desires of my heart.

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