

# ABIDE IN TRUTH

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An Update from Randy & Kari Saul in Kisii, Kenya

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## **YOU are HERE...**

### **a return to Africa!**

Our prayer was that God would show Himself to our friends in Kenya – while we were gone. That they would truly see that it is HE who provides, HE who transforms, HE who teaches, He who leads, He who is, indeed, sufficient for ALL THEY NEED!!!

Psalm 72 says, “God only does wondrous things”... a fact He is showing me over and over.

When I left to spend time with my family in the states, I marveled at the conflict in my spirit. I actually had a tearing in my heart's longing. Now, anyone who knows me, knows that NOTHING can tear my longing for my kids and grandkids! Unless, it is opportunity to see God's hand at work, a chance to see fruit, budding and blossoming, right before my eyes!

When I came to Africa two years ago, it was only in obedience to what I knew God had said. When I came to Africa a week ago, it was with sincere excitement and gratitude that I was a part of what God was doing and a genuine expectation and anticipation of seeing what He had done while I was gone.

Our call was to teach the Word, to take the things of HIS Word, the one and only ABSOLUTE TRUTH and entrust them to faithful men (and women) who will be able to teach others. Make disciples who would make disciples

We trusted God. He says in Isaiah 55, "For as the rain comes down and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but waters the earth and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater... SO SHALL MY WORD be that goes forth from My mouth, it shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

I've known this verse for most my life. But I must tell you, He is showing me the active reality of this and so much more of His Word.

Some of you were there when we received this call. Some of you were there, crying along side us as we counted the cost of the call. Some of you were there to encourage us in obedience, to pray and love on us as we took very difficult steps. Some of you have been there in financial support in the work here in Kenya. Some of you are there, committed to praying for and interceding for us. The point is – you are there... a part of this work. You are every bit as significant in this work as we are – and – every bit as insignificant as we are.

God doesn't need you or me... but, HE is allowing us to be a part of a work that HE is doing, a part of fruit that is abounding. You have and are sowing, we are here watering and, with no doubt, our GOD is giving the increase!!!

It is an honor to serve along side you and to know... You are here!



## Kebabe Egg Project

This project is a reflection of what God is doing in so many ways.

When we returned one year ago, Randy knew God was leading a focus on some men we had come to love. Men, who struggled with severe alcohol addiction and of whom we had literally picked up off the streets in their drunken stupor, men who knew they needed a Rescuer.

Randy would share of God's love and we could tell they had a desire to know Him.

In one short year... God has taken the lives of 6 men and has done a work that only He could do. Two of the men are still in active battle with this demon, but 4 of them are literally shining as the trophies of God's grace, rescued, redeemed and a new creation.

One year ago, the field was flat and completely empty; today there stands 7 hen houses and another 3 under construction and with 950 hens and another 1000 on order. A year ago, these men had no purpose, this year, they come to work every day at 7am, they break for devotions and a verse of the day with Craig, and then they continue to work hard all day. They leave at 5pm, go home and wash up and return for evening devotions. They are quick to acknowledge the One who has done all this, especially when visitors come and they are growing every day in their knowledge and love of Him.

This is a logo that Meshack designed. Our friend, Rob Schwagger, drew it out for us. It pretty much sums up the project and the work God is doing here in this little village.



**WITH EVERY EGG THERE IS A NEW BEGINNING**

Kebabe Kanisa – the Village Church

Pastor Rueben, from CC Lakeside in Kisumu, came to Kebabe in November and began preaching and ministering in our little church. He and his wife Irene have embraced the people, visit and invite our neighbors almost daily and have a deep desire to see the people grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

Pastor Rueben currently travels the 3 hours back to Kisumu on Sunday afternoons so to return to work on Monday and to care for their 3 children. Irene has rented a small room and stays here in the village. Rueben then travels back to Kebabe on Saturdays to worship and preach here. The church is growing. Last week we had about 70 people, including children. We are going through the book of Acts. On Sunday evening we have a prayer service and communion. Thursdays the ladies meet to study and on Friday they have a day of prayer and fasting. Wow – God is stirring His people and adding each day!

Please pray for God's leading and provision as we work towards bringing Rueben and his family here full time.



## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

We are gearing up to begin our new term of classes next week. Once again we will travel to Tabaka on Wednesdays. Thursdays will be here in the village with a selected group of men who are being trained to teach these classes. This is really exciting for us as we are seeing the cycle progress! We are seeing the reproduction! We are seeing the fruit!!

Fridays and Saturdays looks to be classes here in the village. One with our guys, taking them through the very classes we teach the pastors. Craig will be adding the 2:7 Discipleship series to this. The other day will be with the people in the surrounding villages who have requested a class.

Also on Friday, 3 of our pastors who have gone through to level 3 of the classes, will begin teaching their own classes. Be praying for Denis, Charles & Collins as they put all they have learned into practice and seek to share with and encourage others.

There you have it. The new schedule. We are excited and ask that you join us in prayer for these classes, for the men and women who will be attending, for the provision for materials, for endurance with the schedule.

## IN CLOSING –

Again, we praise God for each one of you!!! Your partnership through prayer & financial support and encouragement & love is just what God uses to pour water in or cans to water these crops HE is increasing.

We want to invite you to visit! If one or a few of you feel the nudge to come and serve a week or two or twelve – come! We've been so blessed with a 3 month visit last year by Terri Combs, a 2 week visit by a few guys, Ryan, Chris Black & George Kleer and this year – for the WHOLE year – Craig Esboldt. There's a standing invitation with YOUR NAME on it!

Lastly, we are continuing with 2 methods for contribution this year. These links will take you to the pages. Be sure and mark your giving – KENYA/Saul. Our need this year has greatly increased as we multiply efforts and the ministry grows. Our monthly need stands at about \$5600. Our regular giving is about 58% of that. Somehow, God always makes it work as He prompts you all. Keep this in your prayers as well.

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