

Blake and Esther Gibbs

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be finishing our packing, getting ready to leave for Kenya. We are delighted to be going back and are grateful to the Lord for the privilege. We can't wait to be with our missionaries and Kenyan staff and with the children.

As we leave, we want to say a special thanks to Lisa and Eric Kjeldgaard, Darrylin Mollath, and Katie Suratt here in our Modesto office. They are the ones who do all of the things behind the scenes to keep the ministry operating effectively and efficiently. Whenever we are away, we know things are in good hands. The good hands of four people who love the Lord, are committed to Agape, and who bring all of their amazing talents and skills to the ministry. We thank the Lord for each of them and love them very much.

In addition to the remarkable work she does keeping our website engaging, informative, and up-to-date, Lisa is responsible for developing the content and for writing most of the articles for our quarterly newsletters, like this one (helps you understand how grateful we are to have her!).

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel. Pray we will be a blessing and encouragement to our missionaries and staff. We look forward to sharing our experiences there with you in our next couple of newsletters.

Blessings to you,

Blake & Esther

Jonathan and Andrea Dowell



This past month, Jonathan returned to Kisumu after spending three weeks with his family in the U.S. for a last-minute trip. This time with his dad was especially treasured, and he even got to see Andrea's family, too. See how happy Danielle is to see her "brother"?

Jonathan returned to Kisumu so thankful that he was able to make that trip. We also welcomed Katie Suratt to our home in May. She's worked at the Agape Modesto office for around two years. In May, she was able to spend a month here with us working on some big projects. Her time was busily spent multi-tasking between several projects and gathering pictures to be used in future Agape communications. Keep your eyes open for announcements regarding this year's Agape ornaments – they look amazing! It was a blessing to have her here for that time. It always fills our hearts to see others filled with the joy and passion of being a part of the work God is doing at Agape. Just before Katie left, we were joined by our summer intern from Moody Bible Institute. Her name is Laura, and we are so excited to be able to host her this summer. She is eager to see what God has planned for her these next nine weeks, and we are, of course, thrilled to have her assistance with some projects here in Kisumu. Please pray for both of these sweet women. Pray for Katie as she settles back into routine in the U.S. That can be a difficult and emotional process. And, pray for Laura as she begins her nine-week internship here. Pray that her eyes and ears and heart would continue to be open to God's leading and that her time of adjustment to life in Kisumu would be as smooth as possible. Thank you to our awesome team of prayer warriors and encouragers and supporters! We are blessed by each one of you!

Jonathan and Andrea

The Page Family

Happy June to everyone! It's good to see that the United States' weather has finally caught up with Kenya; now you get to share our Kenyan temperatures for the next three months of summer! Our work in ministering to street children continues to go well. We conducted our second quarterly street census recently and found that there are only 116 children living on the streets of Kisumu. We praise God for enabling us to continue rescuing these at-risk kids as more children leave their homes in rural Kenya to come to Kisumu's streets every day. Since the beginning of 2012, Agape has reintegrated over 1,200 former street children, three-quarters of whom are still home living with their families throughout Kenya. God is good!

As of the beginning of June, Tammy and Page Baby #6 are at the halfway point with a due date in October. Tammy is ecstatic to be past the first trimester, as she has been really sick throughout much of this pregnancy. We hope to be able to find out the sex of the baby soon (though Tammy is sure that it's a girl)! Thank you all for your continued prayers and support; we couldn't be serving here in Kenya without you!!! Kwaheri (Goodbye)!!! **The Pages**



Eric and Lisa Kjeldgaard

In our April Newsletter I shared the story of how many of our carnival supplies had been stolen from the ranch, and that we've made the decision to suspend the carnival for now. However, we did want to invite all of our loyal carnival friends to a casual "Thank You" lunch at our home on June 25th. If you've been a fundraiser, game worker, set-up or take-down helper, sold raffle tickets, donated raffle prizes or gifts, we'd love to have you at our home as a Thank You for your service and support of the fantastic ministries we've given to over the years! Please e-mail me at elkjeld@gmail.com, text me at 209-499-9694 or be on the lookout for a Facebook event that you can accept our invitation to attend. Unfortunately, we don't have many chairs any longer as they were all taken, so it would be super helpful if you'd bring your own chairs, just like an old fashion family BBQ!



We are thankful that Stephen has now graduated high school and will be attending University of Nevada Reno in the Fall. Nick and Kate will begin their senior years at Point Loma and Moody Bible Institute and Matt will be ripping up the field and mowing down opponents at the Oakdale Corral during football season. Rodeo and baseball continue to fill our time with the four younger kiddos. God is good and we are so thankful for you praying for our work with Agape, for your financial support and the giving of your time and even FOOD to help us along the way! From the KJs to your family, have a safe and memorable summer! Oh, and what a blessing to be celebrating 25 years of marriage this month with my beautiful bride! I love you Lis!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Eric and Lisa for the Kj's

Jeremy and Leslie Hamilton



The past few months have been a busy and exciting time for us! We celebrated Lincoln's first birthday on April 2nd with two other babies also turning 1. Jeremy's parents were even there to celebrate with us during their two-week visit. And, after three years in Kenya, we finally went on a safari in the famed Masai Mara! We saw lots of animals and had a great time enjoying the creativity of our Creator.

At Agape, Jeremy has undertaken the arduous task of gathering all forms and assessments used at Agape. He has been updating, editing, and re-creating them as necessary and saving them to one central location. While this might seem like a minor undertaking, he has already amassed 83 forms, and the work is still not done. Leslie has been working hard on finding a more suitable psychosocial assessment for our counseling department and has found a great possibility. The next steps involve testing it out and translating it to Swahili and Luo before beginning to use it. Please join us in praying for Agape and the wonderful children we are blessed to work with!

Jeremy and Leslie

Steve and Dianne Warn

Jesus is "... the True Light which enlightens every person that comes into the world." John 1:9

Steve and I have noticed, that the older we get the harder it is to "sleep in". It used to be easy to doze off for an extra 20-30 minutes "snooze" after the wake up alarm. Not any more! Instead, at the first "crow" of the neighbors rooster or blast of the 5am loud speaker from the mosque we are WIDE awake; especially here in Africa where we all live close together.

Too often I start in on all the unfinished business of the day before, making rest impossible, but for some reason this morning I ran through a portion of John I memorized years ago. Then it hit me "... the True Light which enlightens every person that comes into the world." v. 9

That's it! He's not just the TRUE LIGHT for a few; He is the TRUE LIGHT that enlightens EVERY person that comes into the world. He's the true light for all the families of our kids at Agape, for every child still on the streets, for all on campus right now, working through hard issues, for all our Muslim friends in Zanzibar!

One by one, I began to unload all my anxiety for each one onto Him who carries us all!

Thank you for praying for us. We have truly felt those prayers! These past six weeks in Kenya have flown by. God worked in wonderful ways in our team and in us. The revisions of the Reasons to Believe class and Discipleship have now been successfully completed. Our vision trip to Zanzibar was an eye-opener in every way, reminding us of the great need for them to see and know the TRUE LIGHT.

And NOW in these few weeks that remain, we hope to get a good start in launching a new approach to evangelizing the families of our reintegrated children.

We plan to use Bible story telling as the means of sharing the TRUE LIGHT with them. Please pray as we work with our Agape staff to develop an effective story set.

Steve is still the resident "grandpa" on campus and is enjoying ALL his grandkids!

Thanks for joining us in supporting what GOD is doing here in Kenya!

Steve and Dianne

