

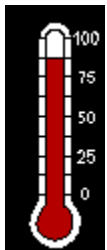


The Somali people are the largest tribe in Africa. With all the instability and violence in Somalia in the past decade, many Somalis have fled to surrounding countries. Many thousands have fled south, ending up in temporarily in Nairobi. They have filled the once prosperous area of Eastleigh, hoping to move on to a better life.

When we were in Kenya in 2001, we had a chance to visit Paul and Kelly Carline, fellow missionaries from New Brunswick who are working with the Somali people in Nairobi. They took us into Eastleigh, letting us see first-hand what they experienced every day. We also ate a very tasty meal at an Ethiopian restaurant nearby.

Last August, we were guests at the Atlantic Baptist Women's Mission's conference. Kelly had been asked to give a presentation at the missions banquet. She claimed she was nervous about doing it herself, so she had her mother-in-law and her two daughters help her describe Eastleigh. The word pictures they drew brought back the sights: dusty, bumpy roads, people on the streets, laundry hanging out to dry; the sounds: cars honking, people talking, trucks roaring by; and the smells: dust everywhere, garbage in the streets, open sewers, meat roasting somewhere. Kelly and her family members took turns giving word pictures of some aspect of life in Eastleigh, and Kara, age 11, ended each word picture with the line, "...And the people are waiting, hoping for something better."

We are all waiting for something. Some are waiting to spend eternity with God, others are waiting to see if they will have money to buy the next meal for their family. We have been told by several people that we aren't waiting to embark on our trip to Kenya; we are already on the journey. As we are moving forward, we are waiting for many things to fall into place. We are waiting on God, believing that he will help us through all the details.



Plans are starting to come together for us leaving the first week of August. Support is to the level where we can do more serious planning. We are starting to clean up our basement in preparation for storing things, and going to Kenya is feeling a bit more real. Signs of spring have added a bit of excitement. Currently we have 86% of our required monthly support. We still need the remaining funds. If God is leading you to give, please contact AIM or CBM at the addresses below.

May this season of new life encourage you as we reflect on Christ's glorious resurrection.

Bernadine, Michael, Julianne and Evan

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