



The Kikuyu Bibles have finally arrived! We took a trip into Nairobi with a school van to pick up twenty-one boxes of Bibles. While we were sorting things out we had a great conversation with Caroline, who runs the Bible Society bookstore. She was asking about some of the things we were doing, and we told her about how the Bibles were gifts for Kenyans from our supporters from home. She then asked us very seriously, "What can we in Africa do to help Canada?"

What a great question! It is easy to think of ways in which the Western church can help the African church, but turning it around made us think. We told her that we have learned so much from Christians in Kenya. We are humbled by their faith. Many depend on God to look after their daily needs. They have an amazing amount of appreciation for the little blessings. Many value relationships above all else. They have been great examples of faith and they have already helped us grow in our faith. After pondering her own question, Caroline asked for our email address so she could receive our prayer requests and we could receive hers.

Up to now, we've been giving the Bibles out one-by-one to Kenyan friends and co-workers. This week we gave Ephantus the 11 boxes that will eventually go to Matathia and the people of the "Feed my Lambs" project. It is exciting to see how much value people put on these Bibles.



Feed my Lambs: The project leaders have noticed that the meal at the church isn't reaching the very needy in the project as much as they hoped. People may come to the meal but leave family members at home who are also hungry. This month they decided to buy food packages for all the project members instead of having the meal at the church. Each of the members received 4 kg of maize-meal, the staple food of the Kikuyu. It was hugely appreciated when they gave it out on Saturday, and on Sunday the members who came to church were still talking about how wonderful it was! Their thankfulness is very humbling.

As they were having a short worship time before handing out the food, an unknown elderly lady leaning on her walking stick came in and sat in the back. She said, "I heard that you were giving out food to old people, and I'm in need." She had walked half an hour to get to the church. It just so happened that one of the people in the project had died recently, and there was one extra package of food available for her to take home. She is now a member of the project. Talk about perfect timing!

Third Term at RVA: We are entering our final term at RVA. Now that we are getting comfortable with how things work, it is time to wrap up our work and hand it over to new people. Bernadine expects to be busy in Student Health as it will be rugby season, with associated injuries, as well as flu season.

Computers break regardless of the time of year, but this term I will also have to prepare things for a new person to take over my work.

There is going to be a large staff turn-over this August and there are still a few positions that have not been filled. Several families are struggling to raise support to get here on time. Every year there are questions as to how the staff turn-over will work, but each year many people show up at the last minute and existing staff are juggled to fill the required positions. The school has functioned this way with volunteer staff for 100 years yet continues to rank as one of the top schools in Africa. This is truly miraculous.

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Blessings,

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