

November 2021

Here it is November already and Nancy and I have had a chance to reflect on all that's happened since the summer of this year. In the latter part of June we had 5 single women and one married couple come to Kenya from the US for training in missions in a program we call "GO". Though all were scheduled to come the same day their arrivals were staggered over 3 days because of COVID restrictions and required testing methods. We weren't sure they would all be able to come - one had already backed out because of COVID concerns before that time. In



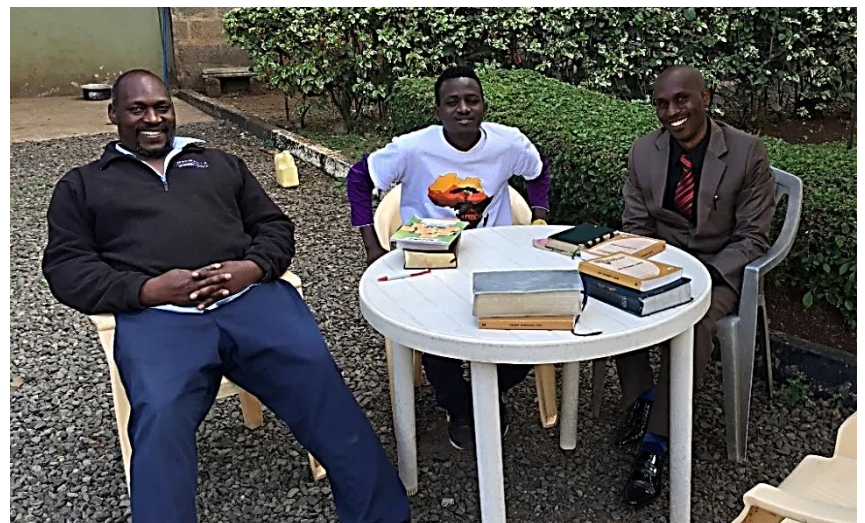
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and we gathered together with 10 Kenyan (4 guys and 6 young women) young people to do the training at a location overlooking the Great Rift for a total of 17 young people coming for training in missions. By August, two from the US group, had decided to go full term missions and to pursue outreach to unreached people groups. We currently have about 9 people signed up for the next GO in 2022. This time we currently have 5 guys and 4 women coming - 3 from the US, 2 from South America, one from



Hong Kong and 3 from Europe - with room for more!

By mid- September I was back teaching again, This time doing an intensive, abbreviated course with 2 new students. My current schedule is that I teach 2 hours a day, 3 days a week - Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 4-6pm. Paul (on the left) is one of my previous students who joins us on Fridays and sits with us getting a bit of a refresher and helping with some of the questions I ask. The young man in the middle is Loki



who is from the Unreached Daasanach people group from which one of my other students, Amos, is from and who is now pastoring among his people. The small church sent Loki down to be trained to come alongside and help Amos with the ministry up there. For Loki this is major culture shock being in Nairobi - he sees more cars in one

day here in the city than he's seen in his whole life up north. The man on the right is David. He's from Nairobi and he desires to know more about God's word - David doesn't always wear a suit to class but he looked so sharp that I thought this would be the day to take a class picture. We just completed Old Testament Survey last week and have already started New Testament Survey. That will take us to the end of January to finish before we move on to the course on Bible Doctrine and the final book is Personal Spiritual Life, both of which will take us to the beginning of May.

In June of this year Colin and Rebecca McDougal left for Home Assignment with the eventual plan to become the AIM US office's Director. He remained the Executive Officer until October 4th. In that time, I became the deputy REO, filling the leadership role in the ER Office on the ground and being the senior AIM leader in Eastern Region until January 1st when the new Executive Officer, Tony Swanson, takes over the position. On 17th September Administrative Officer, Carolyn Cummings, departed



for a two-month leave to the States, so we are currently spread thinly in the office from now until the middle of this month.

Nancy is just as busy. She has taken the responsibility of helping in our Short Term Department but has been out of town the last 3 weeks doing the children's program for the Africa Based Orientation we have here in Kenya for all the new missionaries coming to Africa under AIM. Nancy's pictured here with Caroline who is also involved in the children's program and 3 of her MKs that were part of her class. She just finished that this week but at the end of the week she goes right into teaching a language acquisition course that will keep her busy with teaching for 4 more days. A lot of work. This has been a very busy last 6 months.



God is good and though it is a lot of work we are doing well and moving forward. We hope to be in the US for about 3 weeks in December to visit my dad for Christmas in GA and to visit our kids in VA.

Some things we'd like prayer for is that COVID restrictions have hindered a lot of people and has put a serious dent in our Short Term program. Pray for those whom the Lord is calling to be able to overcome some of those travel restrictions

We had a vehicle all set up with an organization that rents vehicles to missionaries this December. Unfortunately, they can no longer offer us a vehicle because too many missionaries are delayed going back to the field because of COVID. We still need a way to get around this December so please pray that we can find one to use at a reasonable price.

Thanks for standing behind us in this ministry

Brian & Nancy Hoffman