



Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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Take time to look around you. See, appreciate and applaud the wonders of creation. Then realize that it leaves you without excuse to offer worship and live your life in a way that honours and glorifies God.

We live in a messed up world. All the more reason to be different. Romans 1:18 to 20. We meet each Tuesday morning as a team and this passage challenged us yesterday.

Well I was in Kenya the other week. It was a short, packed visit to various partners around the western part of the country and to join Naynet for one of their regular meetings. It is always inspiring to us to see how this network is growing and reaching youth in the city. I have come back fired up with ideas as we seek to see networks develop in Kampala, Dar es Salaam and encourage the Domeka network in Bujumbura.

Travel was interesting. Half the main roads have been dug up for repair. Hours of bumps and MUD. It is the height of a heavy rainy season!!

Rain seems to bring Nairobi to a standstill. On the day I arrived I ended up hiking 5km into the city centre as there was gridlock and spent 2 nights in a lodging in the city centre as it would have taken half the night to get out to Sammys apartment.

My journey from Eldoret was even more exciting. Firstly the road was dug up again and it was tipping down with rain. Then the first bus lost a wheel in the middle of nowhere. The second bus was packed to bursting with refugees from bus one. This one left me in the dark and the rain on the roadside about 20km from the Ugandan border. It then dropped me drenched, tired and aching at a border lodging at 9pm.

Meanwhile Prosper had a team of key youth leaders down from Masindi for extra training and an opportunity to experience Kampala youth ministry. In all the uncertainty about them coming and lack of resources for their travel we began to doubt if it would happen. In the end God surprised us



with a quick "cattle sale" and 5 young people came down and stayed at our house. Apart from the workshops they got to visit several city youth groups and services as a way to encourage them with new ideas. Hopefully the photos will help you to "meet" these guys.



We always pray together as a team on Tuesdays. It would be great if you could let us know from time to time the challenges you face and we can be praying for you even as you join us in prayer for the work of YEA. Please use my email address to let us know what you would love us to pray for: youthworx.ea@gmail.com

Prayer Requests for May:

- Collin asks that we pray for Ryan as he is about to start pre-school 3 days a week. That he copes well with this big transition and begins to learn and grow in the new environment.
- Eugene is looking into different ways he can develop to support himself so he can work with YEA full time and also afford to live. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as to what he should do. He is keen to look into photography and small scale farming.
- Prosper would love to do his Masters later in the year. He has some possible options but they are all very unclear at present. Please pray for clarity and also wisdom as he looks to take this next step.
- Stephen is about to start the finals for his Bsc in IT. He requests we pray for focus and a clear mind as he sits these exams.
- Ian asks for prayer to help him create a better balance between work commitments and leisure time. He is finding the many responsibilities can crowd in and invade his down time.

Thanks for your love, concern and prayers for us. Chat again in June.
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