



Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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I am writing to you on return from Kenya. Brought 2 souvenirs, headlights for the car and a heavy cold that turned into an infection. Until the antibiotics kicked in I looked like Rudolph a month early and felt like. . .*%!... So if anything here doesn't make sense then I apologize. If it is coherent then probably you can put that down to Stephens editing skills.

But Kenya was great. I managed to treat myself to a trip up Menengai Crater for my birthday, visited all the students we have at boarding schools in Turi and Kijabe then attended the NAYNET training in running transformational youth camps. I was hosted by Sammy and his growing family. He sends his greetings to those of you who know him.

October, (our quiet month), was actually quite busy. We took a bunch of youth for a great camping/hiking trip up in Fort Portal (rain, mud, cold but FUN!!) where we studied the book of James, and ran our first "Engage" event. "Engage" was excellent. It brought together youth workers from all over Kampala and we tackled the rapidly changing contemporary youth culture invading the city and began useful discussion how best to reach our youth and understand their lives better.



"Engage" will now become a regular event through the year.



I mentioned head lights earlier. These were for the "aging" Land Rover. Now 20 years old and well over 200000 miles, our trusty up country steed is showing its age. The Subaru is also experiencing ongoing post 'swimming' issues. Throw in a mix of potholes, dirt, heat, low grade fuel and oil!! Would you want to be a car in Africa?

The team are all doing fine and we have a short retreat next week to focus, pray and plan. Hopefully some of our thoughts from this time will appear in the December news. Collin is also beginning to visit our various partners around the country to get an update on how they are all doing. Eugene is getting started on developing our 'income generating' video editing work, helping me with admin and also taking on a fair bit of our up country work.

I think by now you will know that Prosper finally got his German visa and is now studying for his Masters there. Please pray for him as he settles in to a big transition of culture, work and climate. On top of this he is needing to learn a new language.

Developing the new camp site has been on hold since Leonard and Olives (owners of the new land) daughter had to be flown to South Africa for an emergency operation. Since then they have spent time in China getting specialist physiotherapy for her. They are now back in Uganda but please continue to pray for Agasas healing. We will be meeting up soon to pick up on the camp site plans and move forward with this.

As usual the December to February period looks hectic. At the moment it also looks confusing (TIA!) so please pray for us to make sense of it all and be able to work effectively. For the reason just given I wont try and give you a program yet.

Advance warning: I will be flying into the UK early June next year and out again mid August. From mid June to early July I want to visit many of you around the UK and then from mid July to early August I will be roaming in mainland Europe so hope to see many of you there as well. The gap between those times I will be taking to hike/pray/think/focus at an undisclosed (and currently unknown) destination somewhere in Europe.

I really could do with economical wheels from roughly 4th June to the end of the month. Please let me know asap if you may have a small reliable car I could borrow, or you know someone who might. Using public transport restricts how many people I can visit in a finite amount of time and also adds up to a pretty hefty cost.

Also if you would like me to visit it would be good to know as I begin to plan my route.

Prayer requests: Well I guess all of the above.....

God bless and chat with you before Christmas, which is creeping up on us so fast.

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