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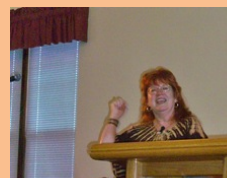
SHARING ABOUT OUR MINISTRY... Highland Baptist Church, Hogansville, GA was the first opportunity for me to come and tell their Women's Missionary Union (WMU) about our ministry in Kenya. I created a DVD of pictures to coincide with the sharing following a wonderful light supper. The women asked great questions and then they shopped at my African Market. I was very encouraged by God setting it up and their interest.



AGAIN... East Newnan Baptist Church, Newnan, GA was actually the first invitation to share with the WMU when they heard a "real live missionary" was here! This is my mother's church so I was excited to meet the women, let them know what we're doing, answer questions, and sell more African items to help raise funds. The pastors of both churches also attended, so they got acquainted with our ministry, too.



MORE... I also was able to share a challenge to make eternal investments, as well as a ministry update, during the Sunday morning service at our home church, Riverside Community Church in Nutley, NJ. It was great seeing so many friends like Emily Flynn (L) at the BBQ in my honor. RCC members contributed so many gifts for the Kenyan orphans! They filled two suitcases to take back for Christmas! Praise the Lord!



AGAIN... Les arrived to join me in sharing at Unity Baptist Church in Newnan, GA during their Wednesday night service. It was another great time of food, fellowship, sharing, Q & A, and selling African wares. Les had already been busy in Nairobi during May teaching Boot Camp for five weeks in my absence, meeting with Kenyan pastors for another Cell Consult, coaching students, and leading three days of workshops with the Destiny Chapel staff. While I was in NJ and PA, Les traveled to AZ to see his dad, too. It was a joyful reunion at the Atlanta airport!



ANOTHER WAY TO RAISE FUNDS... While visiting my mother in GA, I have also been busy creating Twyla's "Little Hat" Originals. Each hat is one-of-a-kind, easily clips onto your hair, can be positioned as you prefer, doesn't mess up your hair like a larger hat does, and can fit any occasion from casual to dressy. To see the pictures of current hats, or to order a custom-designed one, go to my Facebook page.



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*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
**Matthew 6:19**



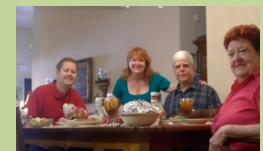
**FLORIDA REST...** Two weeks after my dad's passing, one of my mother's neighbors took us and another friend on a one-week trip to Daytona Beach, FL. It was restful, fun, and a blessing in the midst of all we were going through. Thanks, Sandra! An additional special blessing for me was my son, Matthew, to surprise me by driving up to fix my computer and spend three hours with me before turning around and driving another three hours back to his home. It was Greatest Mother's Day gift ever! Thanks, Matthew!



**VISITING FAMILY IN PA...** During my trip to NJ, I also spent four days on a side trip to see family in PA. (L) My sister Lillian (who drove to get me & take me back) is pictured here with my father and I. Thank you, Lillian! (R) I couldn't believe how big my sister Charlene's kids had grown in the last 3 years since I was there.



**FRIENDS, NEW & OLD...** I also want to thank my good friend, Georgia, who hosted my in NJ and made it possible to see so many friends like Amelia (L). We're also making new friends, too, such as Pastor Pat Latta (R) who joined us for lunch recently.



**CULTURE SHOCK...** Culture shock works in both directions, when you go overseas AND when you return to the USA. We can't help but constantly compare life in Africa with life here. (L) In the USA you don't have to dig charcoal out of burned trees in the forest... just go to Walmart! (R) But also in the USA you get tiny fruit for high prices compared to the Kenyan fruits and veggies.



**GUESTS...** Even though I got to see our friend and fellow SCMI Board member, Alain Espinosa, in NJ, Les did not. So Alain and his wife Jen flew down to GA to spend Memorial Day Weekend with us. One of the things that has meant the most to us during our time in the USA are those who have sacrificed to spend time with us. Besides those already mentioned, our friend Ken drove from Tucson to Phoenix, to see Les for just a few hours. Also, another friend, Brek, attended Daddy's service and is coming to visit Les Sunday. Thanks!



## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JUNE

1. Family time in GA for our nephew's wedding this weekend.
2. Strength for Twyla's Mom as she regains strength following Twyla's stepfather's passing, Les' dad in poor health in AZ, and Twyla's birth father in PA who has recently been diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer.
3. Time in FL next week for our second son Matthew's wedding. We'll also get to see our third son, Caleb, as well as two of our grandchildren, Cassie & Matthew, plus many friends. Pray for our long drive down to FL.
4. Vacation visiting our oldest son, Aaron, his wife, Julia, and grandson, Luke, for two weeks.
5. Final packing and flight back to Kenya July 2-4.
6. Our health, safety, travels, financial provision, wisdom, empowerment, REST, preparation to return to the ministry in Kenya, and God to daily use us as He wills wherever we are!

