



“And God saw that it was good” Gen.1:12

“DWELL”

At the beginning of the calendar year, have you ever thought of a word that you would like to focus on for the year? For me, this year, my word is dwell. To counter negativity in my thoughts and actions, I wanted to make a conscious effort to “dwell” on the splendors of God’s beauty and grace. Micah and I and the kids were able to spend some time in our home in western Kenya, where we were surrounded by God’s beautiful creation. We were also able to experience some quality family time that included extended family. “How lovely is your dwelling place, O God” Psalm 84:1.



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Time for More



Often times we think to ourselves, if only I had the time...I would do this. Due to the hectic lifestyles we lead, many of us cannot do these “extra” things until we are retired. So I consider myself fortunate that I am able to do a few of these things right now.

The LCMS allows each missionary who has served seven years to take a sabbatical. This sabbatical can be used not only for respite but also for growth in new areas of ministry and opportunity to further one’s education.

I began my sabbatical on Sept. 15th and will have the next 4 months to venture out into new territory.

One of the things that I have pledged to do is become more involved in my Down Syndrome mom support group. In my last

newsletter, I shared with you some of the details of this group.

This last Saturday, we were blessed to host an event for moms that included free heart echo exams for our children as well as time for learning and connecting with one another.

I was able to talk one-on-one with two mothers in our group. One has a boy who has both Down Syndrome and autism, and the other mom has a set of twins, one who has Down Syndrome and one who does not. Together, we were able to share more of our personal stories and our faith in a gracious God who provides for our needs.



Back to School



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- the growth of our Down Syndrome Mom's support group
- my continued studies at Townsend Institute

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- a time of respite to meditate on God's splendor

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- YOU!!! We thank God for the many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us



After 22 years, I am back at my Alma Mater.

I have had the desire to further my education especially in the area of leadership. I came across a program at my alma mater, Concordia University, Irvine that seemed like a good fit. However, after consulting with a few friends who are in the

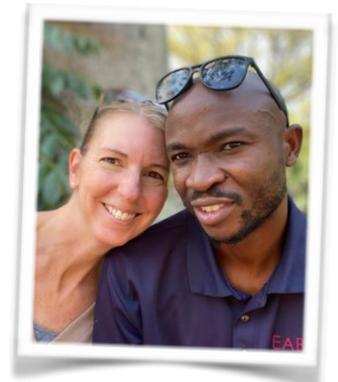
program, I decided to switch to the Executive Coaching program at the Townsend Institute at Concordia.

I am glad that I did. I have always enjoyed conducting staff development seminars. So now, I hope to use these new coaching skills as I mentor and coach others. These skills will help me guide principals, teachers and the P24 site managers in their professions to improve their performance and help them reach their goals in life.

We thank God for all of you. During this time may you remember:

*“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”
Zephaniah 3:17 ESV*

Love, Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas



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