

The Sawyer Scoop

The Home Stretch

April 19, 2006

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray you all had a wonderful Easter Sunday. Isn't it awesome that we serve a LIVING God?

We are now in the home stretch. After a week packed full of fun with our church family in GA, including, Wild Adventure, weekend @ TMM and a Third Day concert, we had to come back to reality and finish packing. So over the past couple of weeks we have been hard at it and we are now in NC finishing up last minute things. Thank you to all who have sacrificed time to help us with everything. You guys were such a wonderful help in more ways than one. Now we are just two weeks away from our departure date of May 3. I must admit it has been hard at times as we have gone through many different emotions. For our dear Sarah it has been hard to watch her toys disappear. She has had a few difficult moments, but I believe she is starting to understand more now. For my self it has been hard to give up my "nest", knowing that it will be a long time before I will be able to make one again. For Travis I would say it has been giving up WoodWorksPlus. God has been so faithful in providing work for us! For Summer...well she's two, as long as she has her blanket and mommy she seems fine! Most of all the emotion of leaving behind beloved friends and family is a feeling that you can not explain in words. Our hearts ache as we say good bye to dear friends and to grandparents who will miss their grandkids. Through all this I am reminded of a song that we learned at GBC, *Grace Alone*. "Grace alone which God supplies, Strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, We will go forth in grace alone". God is so faithful! He has called us to go and serve Him and He doesn't stop there, He gives us the grace to do it. We are so excited to see what God has for us in Kenya. It has been almost five years since we graduated from our training at TMM. We thought we would be gone within that first year. Oh, we are so thankful for God's timing and hand on us. We have learned an abundance of lessons that we will now take with us, and have made friends that are so dear to us. We are so thankful for all of you who support us in one way or another. Your prayers and support are priceless to us. Thank you for taking this journey with us, and we ask that it not stop here. Please continue to pray for us as we are now just starting a whole new chapter and truly look forward to sharing it all with you.

Thank you to all who came to our commissioning service at GFBC here in Robbinsville. We were so encouraged by your support and love toward us. We could not have asked for a better "send off".

We love you all and look forward to sending you an update from Kenya shortly!

By His Grace,

Travis, Laura, Sarah B. & Summer Sawyer