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Update on Ron and Debi Williams, missionaries to the Maasai and Warusha in Tanzania, Africa

We arrived in Nairobi on June 24th. Our truck was waiting for us at the guest house in which we stayed. A friend had driven it up and left it for us. After a few days in Nairobi, we left on July 3rd for home. From Nairobi to Arusha is about a five hour drive - three hours before you cross into Tanzania from Kenya and then two more to Arusha.

The Kenyan part of the drive was longer then it should have been. The road is all torn up so about two hours of the four and a half hours it took to get to the border was on dirt tracks. If there was a vehicle coming the other way you had go real slow because you could not see for the dust. At bridges, the crossings were only wide enough for one vehicle so you had to stop while traffic coming the other way could cross.

The drive from the border to Arusha was better. It is not a very good road; but, at least most of it is paved. It is barely wide enough for two-lanes so when something passes going the other way, you came really close. The main obstacle on this part of the drive is the animals. They cross the road whenever they want. Most will move if you honk at them; but, the wild donkeys just look at you like your crazy and it's their road.

We have things running smoothly at the house now. We have not had electricity very much so are using a lot of candles. Our dogs and cat were glad to see us.

We went to Marurani village for church Sunday July 6. We had a good crowd. Debi and I were given gifts by the church member to welcome us back. The gave me a beautiful Maasai Walking stick. I guess they think I am old.

They have been meeting in our new building. It is not finished yet; but, they are so happy with it. It is a bit hard to get around because the floor has not been finished. The way they do it here is to lay rocks throughout and then pour the concrete. So they have put wood over the rocks to put the pews on until the concrete is laid down. The builder had to stop working because of the raining season. They took materials out today so they could start working to finish it. The builder says it will be finished by the end of August. Praise The Lord!

I preached that Sunday and we had one young Maasai man saved. Praise God! Everyone brought something to prepare to eat after services. Debi and I could not stay for the food. I started feeling weak like I was going to pass out after service. I had to be helped to the truck and Debi drove home. I went to the doctor. He said that I tried to do too much too soon. He said after the heart attack and then the accident in the states, I should have waited for awhile before going into the bush. He has kept me restricted to the house since. I went and saw him yesterday and he said it was ok for me to go out this next Sunday, but to take it easy. He gave me a cortisone shot in my shoulder and it feels better.

We continue to pray for everyone on this update list. We need and appreciate your prayers.

We will send some pictures with our next update.

Thank you very much for being part of this ministry.

In CHRIST

Ron and Debi Williams

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