A call from our son during his first year of Bible College began like this, "mom, I have realized something. I have been busy going to class, studying to do papers and busy learning ABOUT Jesus. What I realize now is, that does not take the place of a personal relationship with Him. Instead of just learning ABOUT Jesus, I still need to take time to read, study and pray so that I can KNOW Jesus."

That is just like God to use my son to convict me of what I ought to be doing in my own busy life! Jim and I are now only two weeks today away from leaving for Kenya. Our 'to do' list is very long. We are hustling now after the Christmas busy time is past, to get things in order. Through the packing, making lists and getting things done, what Chris shared with us way back years ago echoes in my mind.

We are busy getting ready to serve as missionaries in Kenya, readying ourselves to teach about Jesus and show His love but that cannot take the place of my need to learn about Him and come to know Him personally and grow in my personal relationship with Him as my own Lord and Savior.

I have had days when I have allowed myself to be too busy, too overwhelmed to read the Word. I have never set myself up with a legalistic unrealistic amount of, 'have to read' amount of scripture but I know my personal need to feed on His word.

These times alone with Jesus are a unique choice for each of us. I actually begin to see symptoms of hunger and my need to read the Word and talk with Him in my own place alone.

As I am looking around our rooms upstairs in our son's home, the piles and needs are shouting at me to be done, but I know that I can only give to those around me today what I have within me.

At 70, I am still learning and growing. I cannot do that without Him in everything and every area of my life.

The piles will have to wait a bit....

Love you all so much with a grateful heart for the honor you have given us!

Kathy
Have you noticed that people are impatient?

I am like everyone else, I get impatient.

We are ready for Kenya, have much work to do, our tickets are bought and dated for January 11th but, we have to wait!

I am reminded that God uses our time for preparation for His will. It has been my experience that being in Africa is a good teacher of patience for Americans. It is a clash of cultures. Americans go by time, organization and being punctual. Kathy and I have learned that while in Africa, we can throw our watches away and take one day at a time, never plan our week or month ahead because daily life there never shows up for a timetable.

Patience is one of the fruit of the Spirit.

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control; and here there is no conflict with Jewish laws. Galatians 5:22-23.

We know that the greatest gift is love but I am taking a second look at the fruit of patience. I think that this is the one I have the hardest time with. However, it is one of the gifts we have been given and blessed with. Why then is it so difficult a character of the Spirit to manifest out of our lives?

There are several fruits of the Spirit mentioned, love, ok, I can do that, peace, I want peace so I can work on that, goodness, cool, I want to be goodness to others but....then comes patience. I see hands raised agreeing with me! We struggle the most with patience? Oh yeah! If God did not have patience with us, we would be toast and ashes, smoted in every way!

Our Heavenly Father has patience and could you imagine what would happen to us, to me, to you if God did not have patience. I know that God gave me time and was patient until I found His Son Jesus. He wants us to show the same patience with those around us, our children, co workers, family, neighbors and even our enemies.

We will go to Africa and everything will be in God's time. We will hurry or wait but we will move forward for our Father is always patiently watching while we try to figure it all out as we pray that through it all we bring Him glory and do His will! Thank you Jesus! Mzee Jimmy

This is the Toyota Hilux double cabin vehicle that your donations and gifts bought for us. Its 2009/4 door, diesel engine, 3000cc, 5 speed manual transmission. It has 86,000 kms or 53,000 miles.
Our Monthly Budget for Kenya has been reached and we are so thankful for your monthly commitments!

Bethany Easterbrook, Jim and Kathy Tierney, Melody and Russ Luloff, Debbie, Alana and Darin Hollingsworth.

The women make the homes, Church buildings and schools. They use clay from the river beds, straw, water and termite hills crushed. They make a frame and then pack this mixture in the spaces. These buildings will last about 25 years with a tin roof. The straw thatched roofs do not last that long. The little round building will be their chicken house.

With 17 villages, we have many children to supply with food, teachers, cooks for lunch, books, pencils, chalk and chalk boards and paper writing tablets. Some of them write their homework assignments in the dirt because of lack of supplies.

Your Continued Support will be greatly appreciated!

Everyone from the Tierney Christian Mission would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers, donations and words of encouragement over the past year as we strived each day to achieve the goals for our move to Kenya and the thousands of dollars in donations to help us minister to the Pokot people that we love so much!

Please remember that once we get there we will still be needing ongoing donations for the schools and buildings. God has provided a great start for us and we pray that His people will continue to help bless these little ones in Kenya.

**FIRST PRIORITy:**

The roofs are first on our list. While Jim was there, he set up a food for work program. They build the mud buildings and we supply the roofs. We have enough for 4 and that leaves several still to do.

Each village needs a couple of school buildings for the different aged children and a Church that will also be used for classes. Each roof is a cost of $250 which includes the trusses and the tin roofing. This will replace the thatched roof currently being used.
Tierney Christian Mission is a non-profit organization whose mission is to spread the word of The Lord across the Kamketo region of Kenya, Africa through relationship building and providing for basic needs for those lacking the resources to provide for themselves.

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