

## October 22, 2009 - Thursday

Good Morning Everyone! We are alive and hopping already! We had some amazing French toast this morning for breakfast so we are full and ready to start working!

Some of us have already started counting pills and putting them in bags. I need to take a picture of some of the bags; they are tiny tiny zip locks and we have to put 25 ibuprofen pills in them. It was a joke yesterday when I tried it, but not anymore!!!

Just as an update on my estimate—Robert and Floyd say I'm about 100 off. They think we saw just under 200 people at the med clinic yesterday. I don't know the official count on the coupons though and then we saw 20-30 more at the end who did not have coupons. I'll try to keep better track for the rest!

Today we will be leaving at 12:30pm, it's about 11:30 now so we better hurry with our pill counting. We are heading to Kwanyako today where we will be meeting Pastor Joseph and whoever he else he brings with him to help us. We are hoping for a few more interpreters today to make the process go a little faster.

The Med clinic will start as close to 2:30p as we can make it. We are hoping for a better way to organize the people so there won't be as much confusion and cutting in line! We are told there is some nice shade so that will be nice!

Our service this evening will start at 6pm. Tonight Jared and Esther will be giving testimonies and Ron will bring the message. And we're all the choir!!

Please continue to pray for safety for everyone. Last night I got a little worried, I asked Pastor Felix what most people here die from and he told me disease, malaria, AIDs, yellow fever, etc, and accidents. There aren't really road rules here or not ones that anyone follows, there are lots of accidents! It's scary, but we trust that God will protect us where ever we go and please continue to pray with us for this. We're also hoping we have better roads to travel on today! Yesterday we named our bus the jeep cause it felt like we were off-roading. Those of us on the right side of the bus came close to jumping up and running to the other side so we wouldn't tip over! We made it though despite all the dips and curves!

Pray for those giving testimonies and for Ron as he brings the message. Pray that God would continue to move in the hearts of those we minister to during the clinic and the service. We continue to be amazed and thankful for the mercy God has shown to us and that he has allowed us to be used to bring more people to his Kingdom. We are excited for what this new day will bring and anxious to see what the Lord will do!

We love you all and miss you, but we don't want to come home yet because we're not finished here yet! Thank you for all your prayers; keep them coming!!

By Nadine the Scribe for the Group

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Wow; what a day! Today was a long day, but a good one! We left in the rain and returned in the rain, but were completely dry in between! We left at 12:30p and it took us nearly 2 hours to arrive in the town of Kwanyako. Today's clinic was in a school there and we arrived just as the children were finishing for the day. People were already waiting outside under shade trees. We set up the check in

table out in the shade close to where they were. Robert and Lilly's diagnosis table was then down the way by the building where we had the Eye Glasses room, Medical room, and Counseling room.

The day began very well. The people seemed much more calm and were not as pushy and quick to yell and jump in line, but it didn't last all day. We periodically just asked for those who needed eye glasses so the medical line could calm down a bit. There were several times that my check in table was surrounded with people! It was a very busy afternoon and became more and more chaotic as the afternoon progressed. We ended up starting to see lots of people who did not have coupons and soon we ran out of forms that we fill out their names, ages, and what they need on. We then used the back of the coupons and sent them through.

Soon after we started this we had to wrap it up because it was getting so late. It was hard to know where to cut it off and who to end with. Floyd tried his best to make it clear we were done and we were sorry, but people didn't really listen so well. Some would just go into the different rooms and many kept asking me for coupons or papers and we just had to keep telling them sorry we're done. We saw a lot more older people today. I counted the coupons and my tally marks for those without which totaled 191. There were more than this though. Robert stole some of my papers and was filling them out for the head school lady's friends and family, and a few people at the very end came out of nowhere with coupons and most of them ended up going through as well. So we saw a minimum of 220 people.

I don't think we're planning on having a clinic tomorrow, but I'm not sure what they will decide, hopefully we'll know at breakfast tomorrow!

After the clinic we grabbed our evening dinner/snack and headed our staging area for the evening program. Upon parking the bus, it was immediately swarmed on all sides by children. I made the mistake of making faces at them and then they started cheering and climbing up on the window. Once everything was set up we had a time of prayer and then attempted to exit the bus. As soon as anyone stepped off the bus they instantly had about 20 hands all over them. It was quite hard to move with 10-15 kids surrounding you, I was stepping on all kinds of feet and thought I was going to fall a few times I was being pulled in so many directions! We finally were able to find a place to sit or stand, but still had many little ones all around! I think just about everyone had a child who was especially attached to them the whole night!

A worship band from a neighboring town came to sing tonight and they had everyone dancing all around! Jared and Esther gave short testimonies tonight and then Ron spoke and gave an invitation at the end. There were 15-20 adults who came forward and probably 25-30 children. What a beautiful night! It was a blessing to be there and be part of the movement of God. We continue to look forward to more souls coming to Christ tomorrow as we will return for another service.

I must say I was relieved to step back onto the bus, it was a very powerful day and evening and very very exhausting! We also took the worship team back to their town. We enjoyed their singing on the bus as well! I thought we may burst the windows it was so loud! We only wished we had been able to record it; it was lively and wonderful!

I am exhausted so I will end there; I should have plenty of time in the morning to share more stories of the day and evening! I hope you are all well!

Good Night!