

October 23, 2009 Friday

Good Morning! I guess it's not afternoon for us, but all of you are probably just getting your days going! Most of us are a bit groggy today despite a good night's rest. A few people are napping as I write this while others are just lounging around trying to relax before we leave.

We met for breakfast around 10am and ate some delicious biscuits and gravy and slush. Slush tastes slightly different as the pineapple has a different taste and I myself think it's better and know I'm not alone in this. The majority of us also needed our morning cup of coffee to be functional. We are thankful more and more every day for the hard work Audrey puts into feeding us so well!! Jared led us in devotions this morning from John and then led us in prayer for the day.

We are leaving at 1:30 today and will be heading to the land that the Mission bought here. It's about 10-15 minutes from where Ron and Audrey live now. We actually passed it yesterday on our way to Kwanyako. Perhaps Robert or Floyd will be able to tell us more about what all will be built on the land and where! We are all excited to be able to see and explore it! We will then spend some time in prayer for land and all that will be built and accomplished through that!

Then we'll head back to Kwanyako for our evening service. The schedule on the wall here says it starts at 6pm, but I think Pastor Felix was telling the people last night it was at 5:30. I think I've picked up the language pretty well... ;) !! It's been pretty difficult to start on time so far, but since we don't have a clinic today we should be okay!

Please pray for Eugene and Anna tonight as they will be giving testimonies. Pray for Robert as he brings the message tonight. I've found it interesting so far that there are far more women that come than men. There are also a lot of people that don't come and sit in the chairs be stand back on all sides surrounding us. We are thankful that they are at least curious and will hear the message we are bringing. We want to be used to grow the church in Kwanyako. It is about a month old.

Please pray for Pastor Joseph as he leads the people there. Please pray for strength for us; both mental and physical (some of those kids are heavy)! I am curious to see if the same kids that followed us around yesterday will tonight also. I know Floyd had a little girl that he returned home a couple different times, but she came back and found him. I also had a really little, as in young probably under 2 years, that kept finding me. I put her down a couple times or gave her to someone else because she was quite a chunk to hold, but she kept finding me wherever I went. I guess that means we don't need to do any push-ups tonight since we got a work out holding all the children! We'll see if they return again tonight!

Robert said he checked one little boys arms to see if he had inflated them with air. It's amazing how much muscle even some of the young children have! Mildred said one child asked her if she was a lady or a man. All the children just wanted to touch us; their hands were everywhere, we got pinched and hung on and stepped on!

Well I think I should probably wrap this up so I prepare to leave! We hope you all have a blessed day! We continue to miss you and we love you!

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Good Evening! We are all back, our tummies are full, and we're enjoying the company of each other. You can tell we're not quite as exhausted tonight as we are much more talkative. It's fun to be part of all the 'friendly banter' shooting around! From Audrey asking Charlene her feelings on marrying Floyd to giving Robert a hard time for dropping his microphone tonight (after a fall on stage last night and breaking a chair back home here) to Jared the womanizer to our 'friendly' follower the past 2 days.

Today was a much less tiring day. We headed out at 1:30 today and arrived at our land about 15 minutes later. So far there is just one long building where lots of extra things are stored and a couple of guys that are working on the land live. Right now they are putting up a wall all along the property line. We saw the machine where they make the bricks, but it is currently broken. A bunch of us went out and explored the massive termite hills. There were a couple of feet taller than us which means those termites keep themselves pretty busy! After exploring we all gathered in a circle with the men there and prayed for them, the land, and the buildings to come. We then went just down the road and Floyd, Robert, Ron, and Felix went to pray with a woman who had had a stroke. Those of us on the bus had some interesting conversations about food while we waited.

We stopped on our way to Kwanyako to pick up our worship team for the evening. When we arrived in Kwanyako we all split up into about 6 or 7 groups and walked through all the different villages there handing out tracks and inviting people to the evening program. Robert reported that the Pastor he was with made him do most of the talking, but I think the rest of us lucked out and had some natives that didn't allow us to get laughed at so much with our poor pronunciations and weird accents.

We all eventually made our way to the village of Adruso where we had a program last night and again tonight. While waiting for everyone to arrive we talked to the children or tried to make sure everything was set up. One of the girls on the worship band taught me a few hand slap/rhyme games. I was eventually able to beat her at a few of them! Once we all made it back we jumped on the bus for a quick sandwich and popcorn before heading back out. The children once again swarmed us as soon as we stepped off the bus, but we all made it out okay.

Eugene and Anna both gave testimonies tonight and Robert preached about us all being born sinners and needing a savior. There were lots and lots of children that came up during the invitation. We also had a very proud moment as a choir tonight; we were told we were too loud!!! There didn't seem to be as many people at tonight's program, but we praise the Lord for those that were to hear the message. Please pray also for those we met and passed out tracks to that they would read and be thirsty for more knowledge. Continue to pray for Pastor Joseph as well as he continues to meet people and build a church there in Kwanyako.

Well, everyone else is heading to bed so I think I will as well. We are excited to do some shopping and exploring tomorrow! I hope you all have a wonderful night's rest!

Good Night, it is now 1 AM in the morning