



**The Closing of a Chapter ... More or Less
The Future is "Remote"**

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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

We have taught our last class at Moffat ... sort of. Monday was Reading Day for the students, and the rest of the week is for final exams. Next week will be dedicated to grading exams and term papers. Between the two of us, we have been teaching or co-teaching five courses this term, the heaviest load yet that we have carried. But it has been good, and we have enjoyed getting to know the students and becoming a small part of their stories.

It has been a busy term. The "Teaching Behavior Change" course alone requires extensive time and logistics to organize over 40 students into 14 teaching teams, and then to transport them one afternoon each week to three different schools to teach fourteen classes of 5th-to-8th-grade students while juggling our midterm break with their midterm breaks. It's always a happy-sad time when we get to the end of this course, as our Moffat students have invariably bonded with the upper primary students they have been teaching, and it is hard to say, "We are not planning to come back again after this time." It is hard for us, too, as we are now saying the same thing to our Moffat students: "We are not planning to come back again after this time."



A Moffat student teaching a lesson from the Adventure Unlimited life skills curriculum



Grade 9 students choosing to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Shepherd and Guide in life.

The last lesson in the life skills curriculum that our students taught to the primary students was about making wise lifestyle choices. One decision they were given a chance to make was to accept Jesus Christ as their Guide and Shepherd in life. We are excited that of the 600 students taught, **490** made decisions to follow Christ! Following that last teaching session, we treated our students to "nyama choma", the traditional celebratory roasted goat meat.



This term, Hope assisted with the planning and organizing of Moffat's first-ever marriage seminar for all students, with invited guest speakers whom we have known through SIM Kenya for many years. The seminar was enthusiastically received, and many students expressed a desire to do this every year.

Besides “Teaching Behavior Change”, Bob also taught an online version of the same course for the first time. We will bring the online students to Moffat for an intensive five days following Easter Sunday to do their in-person teaching practicum as part of the course. This is why we have “sort of” taught our last class at Moffat. Hope and Edward, our Kenyan colleague, helped to plan and organize the practicum. Please pray that it goes well. We have never done the practicum this way before.

This term, we also taught three other courses. Hope taught “Human Sexuality and Gender Issues”, a core course for all Year 3 students, and “Disability Ministry and the Church” to students enrolled in the Community Health and Development (“CHD”) concentration. Meanwhile, Bob taught “Community Health for Pastors and Christian Leaders” to the CHD students.



We were blessed to have Mrs. Theano Ratcliffe, an experienced nurse educator and fellow SIM Kenya missionary, as a guest lecturer in some of our Community Health classes. Here (left), in her nutrition lecture, she explains the “eat the rainbow” strategy to ensure that adequate micronutrients are part of the daily diet.



Twice a term, Moffat holds special “prayer chapels”, which highlight specific prayer concerns and engage the student body in corporate prayer. Hope was invited to lead the last prayer chapel and took the opportunity to give some farewell remarks while encouraging the students to remain faithful in prayer. Bob’s opportunity to say goodbye was on Thursday this week, when he gave the closing chapel message on “Trusting God”. Many students expressed appreciation afterwards for the encouragement they received from that message.



Leadership Report

Please continue praying that the Lord would supply His choice for the next Country Director for SIM Kenya. Our Director Search Committee, on which Bob sits, had found an excellent candidate for the position. But now the Lord has closed that door, and we find ourselves back to “square one” again.

Also, please keep on your prayer list the need for a new Head of Department for Community Health and Development. Pastor Martin has agreed to return to Moffat as a part-time Associate Head of Department two days per week, while Bob supports him remotely from the U.S. as the acting Head of Department. He will serve in this newly-created position for one year, renewable until we find a fully supported missionary to live at Moffat and take Bob’s place. This gives us at least another year to continue searching. Meanwhile, the “Moffat Community Health and Development” project will fund Martin’s salary for the coming year, beginning May 1. Bob will also continue serving as the Project Manager, being responsible for oversight, accountability, and reporting.

Finance Report - Speaking of finances and reporting...

Thank you **VERY** much to those who responded to our recent appeal for contributions to the Moffat Community Health and Development project. While we continue to ask God for regular monthly or quarterly project partners, we have received gifts into the project account sufficient to keep the project funded for about 8 months. This provides a temporary reprieve while we continue looking for project partners.

For those who are especially interested in specific ministry activities within the project, in next month’s email update, we will provide a budget breakdown along with instructions on how to give towards a specific activity instead of towards the project budget as a whole.

Sadly, our support account is not doing well. End-of-year giving normally boosts our support account enough to sustain us through the summer vacation doldrums, when charitable giving usually drops off. The current SIM fiscal year began Oct. 1, and *including* the extra giving that came in December, we are already 10% *below* where we should be. In February, we received only 1/3 of our monthly support requirement. We are very grateful to those who continue to give faithfully towards our support, and we wish to gently remind all of our ministry partners that we still need support until October. We are happy to give additional details to those who ask.

More Heavenly Treasures

Last month, we shared some of our “heavenly treasures” with you – that is, relationships that have been a meaningful part of our lives here in Kenya over the years. Last weekend, we were blessed by visits from two more of our “heavenly treasures”:

Gideon was our “language helper” when we first came to Kijabe, tutoring us in conversational Kiswahili. For several years now, he has been doing evangelism and church planting in a dark area of Tanzania that is still heavily oppressed by witchcraft. We have been privileged to support his ministry with a portion of our tithes since he began this ministry. It has not been without resistance, but he has seen many instances of miraculous healings and deliverances from demonic activity, and his church is growing as increasing numbers of people are being set free through trusting in Christ instead of in witchcraft, sorcery, and spirit worship.



George is a former student of ours who is now working in the judiciary as a parole officer, “specializing” in troubled youth and children. His story is a remarkable one of God’s grace, mercy, and provision. From the age of 8 years, he was a “street kid”. But he had learned how to read and had been given a Gideon New Testament, which he read in the evenings. Other street kids gathered around him and asked what he was reading, so he would read out loud to them, and they would talk about what it meant. The local police began referring to him as the “chaplain” of the street kids, and one officer helped him to complete primary school. Through God’s amazing provision, including the support of Social Services, he was able to go through secondary school and then Moffat Bible College, where Hope was his faculty mentor. He continued his education and earned his Master’s degree in Counseling last year.

Currently, George has a case load of 25 offenders with whom he meets each month. To those who have any interest, he gives a Gideon Bible and suggests scriptures to study, which they discuss at the next visit. His personal history has uniquely prepared him for effective ministry to troubled youth who are now caught up in the criminal justice system. He is also leading “Mailbox Club” children’s Bible studies and training church leaders to conduct community Vacation Bible Schools.

Coming Up...



April, which is nearly upon us, will be a packed month for us:

- Remember to pray for the in-person teaching intensive for our online students, coming up the week immediately following Easter Sunday.
 - The second full week of April has been set aside for a trip to Kenya’s south coast, where we will visit the ministry of another one of our “earthly treasures”, a Moffat graduate who is doing cross-cultural ministry among the Digo people. While at the coast, we are looking forward to a few days of much-needed R&R.
- We will return from the coast in time to do laundry and repack and then attend SIM Kenya’s annual Spiritual Life Conference (“SLC”) at Brackenhurst in Limuru. This will be our opportunity to say a final farewell to all our fellow missionaries serving with SIM Kenya.
 - The day following the close of SLC, we will receive a special guest from SIM Australia. Marlies has been tasked with developing a “community of practice” for SIM International that focuses on disability ministry. Apparently, we are the only SIM workers in the world teaching a course on disability ministry, and she wants to learn more about our curriculum and what we are doing, as well as to meet some of the other Kenyan disability ministries with which we are connected.

Marlies will help us to close the door on April and open the door to May. After she departs:

- We have planned a farewell tour to western Kenya to visit several friends from our Lugulu Hospital days, as well as two other ministries with which we have had significant connections.
- We will close our farewell tour, God willing, with two days at the Rondo Retreat Center, an eco-tourism project of Trinity Fellowship. A few years ago, we helped them to develop their first-ever Strategic Plan.

All of these people, ministries, and locations hold special places in our hearts.

After returning from our farewell tour, we will have about five days remaining to do our final sorting, packing, and disposing of our remaining personal effects before flying out of Nairobi the evening of May 18 to return home to Indianapolis. Please pray for safe travels, both within Kenya and for our flights home. (As you may recall, our flight **to** Kenya in January was a real adventure!)

Prayer Points

Praise God:

- For the blessing of teaching one final term at Moffat Bible College.
- For the 490 upper primary students who made decisions to follow Christ.
- That Moffat's first-ever marriage seminar was a well-received, resounding success.
- For generous contributions to the Moffat Community Health and Development project sufficient to keep the project running for about 8 months.
- That our son, Nathan, has found an industrial job that will help to take some of the pressure off the family finances.

Please Pray:

- For the in-person teaching practicum that our online students will engage in.
- For the leadership needs of SIM Kenya and of the Moffat Community Health and Development project.
- That the Lord would provide financial partners for the project that funds the department's ministry activities.
- That we would receive adequate support to sustain us until our retirement in October.
- For Gideon and George, including their ministries and their financial health, physical health, and spiritual health.
- For safety in our travels and for anointed times of fellowship as we conclude our time in Kenya.

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Thank you!