



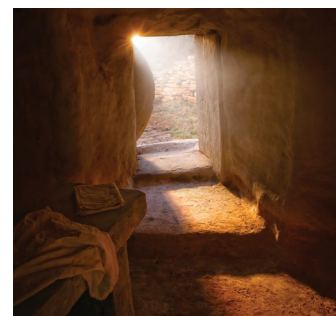
Home for Easter (...and what comes next??)

Bob & Hope Carter - April, 2025
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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

In our last Carter Chronicles, we were planning to return to Kenya. We have now returned home from Kenya just in time to celebrate Easter with our family. We return **from** a country that, while politically stable for now, is facing severe economic challenges that are adversely affecting a majority of the people we know. We return **to** a country that, while politically stable for now, is facing increasing economic instability and social polarization, alleged challenges to the rule of law, progressive withdrawal from international bodies and programs with a subsequent diminishing of international influence, and increasing fears about the future on the part of many of its most vulnerable citizens.

Easter reminds us that ultimately our confidence is not in human governments or economic systems but in a humble yet divine King, one who rules not by the force of power but through the transformation of hearts. He is our Prince of Peace not by imposing it but by building it. Light dispels darkness. Enmity succumbs to Reconciliation. Surrender is the path to Victory. This is our King, and He is our confidence. He is risen! He is risen indeed!



Family Health Updates

We feel a sense of gratitude that we were able to remain in Kenya for the entire term without the need to return urgently home for another family health event. This was an answer to prayer. In fact, everyone we were concerned about has either continued to improve or at least remained stable.



Our son's KLS has not interfered significantly with his job, and although he still has occasional episodes, they respond within a few days to the infusion therapy. He is excited about his work with an innovative startup called "Aerolane". For those interested in innovative ideas, you can find more information on the company website: www.aerolane.com.

Bob's stepmother has been released from rehab and is now living at home with Bob's father with the assistance of a home health aide. Meanwhile, Bob's father continues to slowly gain ground following last year's cancer surgery. He is not on any chemotherapy for now while his oncologist keeps him under a watchful eye. We are all pleased with how he is doing.

Project Report

The Moffat Community Health and Development project, SIM Project #92163, which funds the outreach ministries of the department (including MoCA), remains financially fragile. We think that we can keep the project funded through the end of this calendar year, although to do so we will sadly need to drop the discipleship component. We will not be able to sustain the salary of a part-time discipleship coordinator past June. Please join us in asking the Lord to raise up a few churches, individuals, or other donor sources who would desire to help fund this project through to the end of its current project cycle (December, 2028).

Looking Ahead



While we were preparing to leave Kijabe, we were often asked when we would be coming back. There, they are assuming that we will return. We hope so, but we can't make any promises because so much depends on family circumstances here at home. Now that we are settling back into our home in Indianapolis, we are asking ourselves the same question: what does the future look like? Here is what we can currently see for the rest of 2025:

- June 9-11, Washington D.C. - Annual conference of Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH). Bob has been requested to serve as a moderator for one of their breakout sessions. Afterwards, we may schedule a visit to the SIM offices in Charlotte, NC. We will be happy to visit ministry partners along the way if requested. Contact us!
- Traveling and speaking - we have yet to begin drafting an itinerary. If you have dates that you know you would like to have us come, now is a great time to let us know!
- Moffat has launched an online learning program called "Reach 2 Reach". We have been asked to adapt the courses we teach for an online learning environment. This will keep us busy for a while!
- SIM is considering establishing an "impact network" focused on ministry to those living with disabilities. It is estimated that the world's disabled includes about 16% of the global population, or around 1 in 6 people! Because of our recent focus on disability ministry, we have been asked whether we would be interested in being involved in this effort. Yes, please!
- As mentioned above, we have one year to find a replacement for Pat Kiernan to head up the Department of Community Health and Development. This will require that Bob puts considerable focus and time into developing a strategy for publicizing such a "niche need" in the right kinds of places. Please pray for success.
- Bob will also be looking for several project partners as mentioned above. Fundraising has not been our strong suit and never our ministry focus, but God has always been faithful to provide financial partners sufficient to meet our ministry needs. Please pray that the Lord will provide these partners. Ten partners willing to invest \$3000 per year through 2028 will fully fund the project budget.

Thank you

We cannot close this newsletter without expressing our deep appreciation for your consistent love, prayers, and partnership in the gospel with us over the years. None of this would be possible without you. May God bless you and reward you for your faithful service as we labor together for His Kingdom.

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- Signal: we both have Signal on our U.S. phone numbers.
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Prayer Points

Give Thanks:

- For safe travels and good health, including family health, throughout the past term.
- That all courses went well including the two new ones.
- For expanding families on earth and increasing treasures in heaven.

Please Pray:

- That the MoCA podcasts will be ready for weekly release by June, and that they will reach many young hearts and minds with good seed and godly wisdom.
- For Pat and Kristen as they transition to a new ministry based in Nairobi, for Pat as he commutes to Kijabe over the next year, and for God to reveal His choice for the next Head of Department soon enough to enable a smooth on-boarding and handing over.
- For safe domestic travel and good health for the two of us over the course of this year, and for God's blessing and favor on the health of Bob's parents, our children, and our grandchildren.
- That God would raise up financial partners for the Moffat Community Health and Development project sufficient to sustain it through the rest of this project cycle.

Contributions towards our support may be sent by check to:

SIM USA, 14830 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC 28273.

Make the check out to SIM-USA and indicate its purpose on the "memo" line:

Bob & Hope Carter (# 09892) or

Moffat Community Health and Development project (# 92163)

Alternatively, contributions may be made by online donation at **www.simusa.org/get-involved/give**.

- Our SIM missionary number is **09892**.
- Our SIM project account is **92163** - "Moffat Community Health and Development".

Thank you!