



“Come With Us To Kenya”

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Dear "Come With Us to Kenya" Prayer Partners,

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Sheila packed another suitcase for Kenya yesterday! Oops! We may be getting just a little bit ahead of ourselves as we do not yet have a definite departure date. Two reasons stand in the way of a definite departure date.

Reason One: A Clean Bill of Health for Sheila While ongoing checkups will obviously continue to be a part of Sheila's life, we are very optimistic that this ten-month-long trial by breast cancer will soon be in the rearview mirror. Sheila received a very encouraging report, as to her progress, in an appointment with our family doctor in Brockville last week. We are expecting to receive further favourable reports from the medical community over the next few weeks as Sheila meets with the radiation oncologist in Kingston (Friday August 14), the surgeon in Brockville (Friday August 21), and the medical oncologist in Kingston (Tuesday August 25). Then on Tuesday September 1 a mammogram in Brockville will establish a new base line for the aforementioned ongoing checkups which will remain a regular part of Sheila's life.

Reason Two: Our Budget Needs to be Strengthened We are very thankful for all those who have faithfully supported Come With Us to Kenya especially over the past ten months. However there have been some understandable challenges. a). Some of our partners may be temporarily suspending support until we get on the field. b). Some of our partners may not be aware that their annual support commitment has expired and therefore must (or may) be renewed. c). Though we have remained quite active over the past ten months it has proven to be somewhat difficult to enlist new supporting churches/ individuals in the midst of this trial by cancer. There are praise reports: Over the past few weeks two new

financial supporters have come on board and two other friends recently mentioned that designations would soon be sent to our PAOC Missions account.

We will be meeting with our missions leadership on Monday August 31 to discuss the possibility of a definite departure date. It would be awesome if our budget experienced increase between now and then.

As always, thank you so much for your prayerful support.

Two significant reasons--but not two impossible reasons!--stand in the way of a definite departure date for Kenya. It may be time for Sheila, in forward looking faith, to pack another suitcase! What do you think?

Eager to Depart for Kenya,

Michael and Sheila Middlebrook



Sheila, a few days after surgery last November, with friends Irwin and Ann Stevens. The captions in the background read **Expect a Miracle...and...Miracles happen.**

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Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us...