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“Angel, what are the two main tribes of Burundi?” Cindy asked.

**“That’s easy,” Angel (9) replied,
“Chicken and Turkey!”**

We are currently boning up on Burundian history--more on culture and less on ornithology. But isn't it delightful that children are happily clueless when it comes to tribes and races? (Quite often we're **all** turkeys!) Our kids don't seem worried about sizes and colors...we are the Johnson tribe with various shades of Spring Break tans.

And speaking of Spring Break, Cindy is home with us in Lakeland from Rift Valley Academy for April! She just passed her driver's permit test! Yikes! I mean, Hooray!

Still speaking of permits, the doctors gave Sammy's brain surgery site a thumbs up for swimming, (thrilling!) and he can return to school (NOT so thrilling in his opinion). The stitches fell out and Sam's hair *hath sprungeth* forth like a forest, camouflaging his impressive curving scar. And, so far, *NO seizures!* It's an unexplainable thing! Sam *should* have had a seizure during his 21 days in the hospital while attached to electrodes! We are taking things one day at a time as we monitor Sammy's healing and progress.

I'm reading "[A New Kind of Normal](#)" by Carol Kent, appreciating her counsel on dealing with unexpected circumstances taking over one's life. Our recent traumatic family events aren't Sammy's fault, nor our fault--whose fault just doesn't matter.

John 9:1-5 reminds me, "**Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?" Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame...Look instead for what God can do."** (The Message)

And asking "why" never gets us anywhere...God allowed Sam to be this way...we'll never know why. What we know is this: Sam was "**fearfully and wonderfully made!**" (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

God knows EVERYTHING about Sammy. We are still discovering our "new normal", and that's okay. I can't tell you what all your prayers mean to us!

Hooray for Easter!

Melli and Ken, and kids

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persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

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Please keep praying
for Sammy,
and for me to keep
saying:

"I will survive.

I will persevere.

I will be vulnerable.

I will forgive.

I will trust.

*I will hold those I love
with open hands.*

I will be thankful.

*I will choose
purposeful action."*

— Carol Kent

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