

October, 2014, NEWSLETTER -- from Ken & Melli Johnson

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“WELL, HERE WE ARE, TOTALLY SURROUNDED BY NO TEA. -Ken, jokingly

Once upon a time, long ago, on a survival training course in the mountains of Colorado with only a backpack of dried food and bare necessities, I marched for hours with fellow hikers before setting up camp. This expedition required sleeping under a tent fly in the rain. No hot showers, no makeup or hairdryer, wet socks, wet boots. The breathtaking beauty of nature reduced to but a single thought—my sore, squishy feet! One girl made an impression on us all—she NEVER whined about the freeze-dried food, the hard path, or anything! She said, “Before the trip I simply decided **I WILL NOT** complain.”

Thinking on that incident I changed the first draft of this newsletter from moaning to praise! Here I am, totally surrounded by **God’s love! God’s provision! God’s protection!** I am thankful for His goodness during this amazing time of transition! Our move to the house behind Kigobe Mission is complete, our three girls in the USA are challenged in their new locations of school and work, anticipating being together in Maryland for Christmas. Our next three children at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya are studying well and making friends. At The Discovery School, our three youngest are acclimating rapidly and assimilating Kirundi, while Sammy, our special needs child, is learning sign language at the school for the deaf on the mission. His recent EEG was encouraging—tingling sensations started on the left side of his face, a good sign.

We praise God that The Rainbow Centre’s partnership with the ALLOW THE CHILDREN sponsorship program (see www.allowthechildren) continues to bless 93 Rainbow-connected children. We miss Jim and Vicki Brooks who started this project in Burundi but due to serious medical needs are unable to return, and need our prayers. Mike and Sue Cook, (founders of ALLOW THE CHILDREN, first in Nepal) came recently to visit and transition into the program. Pray for them as they include Burundi in the group of other countries with whom they work.

The Rainbow Centre Daycare, now full to bursting point with 40 toddlers, had a facelift over the summer with repair and painting. The Rainbow kitchen cooks meals for the daycare kids, and prepares lunch two days a week for 70 kids at The King’s School, next door. So, everyone is staying busy, and blessed. Thank you for your prayers for The Mission, The Discovery School, The Ephphatha School for deaf children, The Kanura School for blind children, The Rainbow Centre projects, and our family, too. May we all stay brave and courageous, never forgetting amid the realities of living: **“Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!”** (Psalm 8:1) Here we are completely and totally surrounded by God (and we found the tea)!

Blessings,

Melli and Ken, and Kids scattered hither and yon!

P.S. Thought you would be interested in this newsy item on "puppy raising" Melli wrote: "Cuppy is a good mother, but she's tired of the puppies biting her during milk delivery! ha ha. I'm getting up in the night and feeding the puppies myself, now...since Cuppy won't do it and the puppies are crying. I mix powdered milk with a bit of sugar and a couple raw eggs, add crumbled up bread, and pour it in a 9 x 13" pan around which they gather and lap it up! Then they go back to sleep. Just off my office is a little "sun room" where we put the puppies at night, and I can hear them cry about every 4 hours. I prepare the milk in advance and put it by the office door so, when they wake up and cry, I just open the door, pour the milk into the empty pan, they slurp it up and fall back to sleep--and so do I! Whew! Anyway, next week they will all go to others and we will have a bit of peace again." Nothing like "motherhood". :-)) --Bob & Jimmie Andrews