

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Hello!

The team started the morning on a boat ride around Lake Victoria. They went along the shores to see the fishing beaches and then to bird island where thousands of birds of many varieties live, which brings lots of large monitor lizards. They all greatly enjoyed being on the water and change of pace for the morning.

Back at school, while some continued on with their various projects, a number of people went on home visits to meet the family of their sponsored child and see the home. It's such a wonderful experience for both the family and the sponsor to get to meet one another, express their love and gratitude and share some special fellowship!!

It's been very hot here in Mbita since the team's arrival; but today seem even hotter. They are all doing great about drinking enough water, and taking breaks, yet equally pushing through the heat they best they can! For some, it's just a bit too much and that cold weather they escaped last week sounds lovely about now. :-)

In the afternoon, the team broke up into 5 groups to visit 5 different CGA Widows groups. These groups are made up of the widows whom are all mothers or guardians of CGA students. They meet weekly for a time of fellowship and Bible study and to simply share life together. Many of the widows express that the ladies in their groups are like family. They help one another in times of need. The team all really enjoyed and appreciated this experience. Many of the groups greeted their visitors with typical wonderful and welcoming Kenyan hospitality; serving sodas and various snacks. Some groups had a time of praise and worship, reading of the Bible, or a small teaching. Some groups showed the team members how they use a plant called sisal to make ropes. But mostly, they enjoyed good fellowship. Sharing about their lives, their children and how they make a living. Each team member saw something special in these women. They saw their love for caring for their children (and many who care for additional orphans) and finding a way to "make it" on their own after their husbands have died. They saw the beautiful spirit inside these women. A spirit of joy. Recognizing that while they might have little when it comes to material possessions and appear to be poor by Western standards, they are rich in spirit and their trust and reliance on God! BEAUTIFUL!!

They have two more days here in Mbita. We hope they continue to get glimpses into life and culture here. Tomorrow is Market Day, and the market is where life in Africa happens...so it should be another great insight!!

Health wise, they're mostly all doing well. JoAnn has been having some stomach issues. Please pray for a recovery for her! And a few others have been extremely drained by the heat.

Pray for:

- extended strength and energy through the long, HOT days
- continued open minds and hearts to see what God wants them to see
- good health
- the team to be a blessing to the CGA teachers and staff they're interacting with

Thanks again for being such an integral part of this team and in the lives of your loved one who's here!!

Love,
Daneen