

Hazels in Africa

Hope with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

Wow!!! We have already been back in Africa for 3 months. We have been busy. We had a short trip to Namibia for say goodbye to our San family, spent 2 weeks in Kwale, Kenya with our new team, and then have spent the past 9 weeks at language school in Morogoro, Tanzania. Now we are back in Kenya to start to settle into our new home in the village of Vuga just outside of Kwale, Kenya.



Language School

Language school was very challenging!!! And a **complete BLESSING!!!** We are starting over completely. Kiswahili is a Bantu language which is in a totally different group of languages than we were learning before. So when we arrived at language school, we were **starting at GROUND ZERO**. In Kiswahili, there are 15 noun classes, 15 tenses, and everything must agree within a sentence: subject, object, adjectives and verbs. It was and still is very hard to wrap our brains around it all at once. We are very thankful for the wonderful teachers who were more than patient and gracious as we learned. We both feel we have a good foundation to start trying to speak to our neighbours in Vuga.



Kenya Work Visas



The words "work visas" have caused a great amount of stress in our lives over the past two years. We are happy to share that our **KENYA work visas are approved**.

They are 3 year visas so we do not have to worry about going through the process again while we are here for the next two years. We are just waiting for some paperwork to be completed before our passports can be stamped and we are fingerprinted for Kenya ID cards. **We PRAISE God for this approval!!!**

Baby Hazel

Baby Hazel is a GIRL!!! We are very thankful that God is looking over this whole pregnancy. It is truly in His hands. Claudia has been healthy and well the whole time. And Baby Hazel is growing, active, and healthy. She is still due to arrive October 22. We met the doctor who will deliver Baby Hazel and feel like we are in very good hands. Thank you for your prayers!!! This is a new adventure for us parenthood.



Schedule for the coming Months

- July 20:** Move into new home in the village of Vuga, Kenya.
- July thru Sept:** Settle into village life among the Digo people.
- Sept 20:** Travel to Nairobi to wait the arrival of Baby Hazel. We want to be close to the hospital if she decides to come early. While waiting, we will continue language learning.
- Oct 22: Baby Hazel's due date**
We will remain in Nairobi thru Thanksgiving holidays for recovery, adjustment, and doctor appointments for Claudia and the baby.
- Nov 25-29:** Kenya Unit Conference at RVA in Kijabi, Kenya
- Nov 30:** Return to Vuga as a family of 3

Prayer Requests

- ❖ Continued healthy pregnancy and safe delivery.
- ❖ Settling into the village among the Digo people.
- ❖ For the Digo who live in darkness. May God's light shine into their hearts and minds.
- ❖ For team strength, unity and support of each other. There will be spiritual warfare. May it be on the outside and not from within the team.
- ❖ God to continue to provide for our monthly needs. (We are still short monthly supporters.)

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us in prayer and giving!!!

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