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**I thank my God every time I remember you .
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray
with joy.**

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Philippians 1:3-4

Dear friends and family,
Greetings once more from Mutare, Zimbabwe!!

Warm smiles and hugs with unfamiliar accents shouting hearty greetings of ‘Welcome Home!’,



HOT weather, catching up on family and friend news with babies, weddings, etc.... We could be talking about Iowa from early May, or back in Zimbabwe in mid-October... or numerous stops along our 3-continent, 5-country, 17-state journey.

We were gone almost six months. Many people on campus asked, ‘*How was your holiday?*’ Those who knew better asked, ‘*How was your time away?*’ A five-minute (or five hour) conversation cannot do justice in summing up all the miles, people, places, events, meals, worship experiences....Yes, we did have some pure holiday time, but most of the time we were kept very busy with

- speaking (100 churches altogether), relating the good news of the gospel in action at Africa University
- doctoring. We are triply thankful-
 1. that the mission board insists not only that we have thorough physicals when we come stateside every four years
 2. but also that any issues arising from the exams are resolved before we are allowed to return to Zimbabwe.
 3. and that the four of us were declared healthy enough!

We didn’t keep tabs on the number of different beds we slept in, but we did experience radical hospitality...in numerous homes, and

sometimes in motel rooms where it was nice to just have time to ourselves.

Special mention goes to

- Larry’s sister Mona and her husband Rick who again generously opened their house to us and served as surrogate parents when Jane and I were on the road
- Prisca, our domestic helper, who had our house on campus spotless, with fresh flowers on the table the day we arrived back on campus

We try to live without regrets, but we are sorry that we didn’t get to see everyone we had hoped to see, or have more personal time with special people.

Our thanks to not only those who listened to us sharing, but especially those who asked us searching questions about Africa University and our roles here. Preparing to speak, and telling the story so many times, always helps us to clarify our vision.

And of course, a big thanks to those who gave generously toward AU scholarships, the farm development fund, and our travel expenses.

CAMPUS NEWS



Jane and her teaching colleagues in Intensive English have their hands full with over 85 students.

Larry will resume teaching in January. The classes he normally teaches are being taken by other staff members. Since the semester is already 2/3 over, it was decided to not change zebras in the middle of the stream. (Larry's totem is zebra, and the guest teacher of his farm management class is Prof Dube... dube is a



local name for zebra.) Even without classes, he loves it when students drop by his office, especially those who can only be at AU with the help of scholarships.

Larry and farm worker colleague Joel Nyabunze

FARM NEWS

The university farm now has a new manager, and Larry is looking forward to working with him. We have been raising money for a new tractor to replace the ones that prefer the shade of the machine shed to being out in the sun. We are almost there, so soon we will make the important decision of red, green, or blue?

FAMILY NEWS

We were so happy to have all of our kids together several times during the summer!



Ben is taking a break from computer programming in Boston and is in Nepal at the moment.

Pule is now a college grad, and has settled in as a team-member with

Microsoft Dynamics in Fargo. Attending his graduation in Ames, IA was a MAJOR highlight of the trip!

Carly returned to Mutare a month earlier than the rest of us. She has always kept busy with swimming, tennis, and now will have the growing experience of being Headgirl at her school.

Michael has been enjoying re-connecting with his best friend, Simba, He has resumed his



swimming work-outs, and continues to improve his musical keyboarding skills.

Simba, Michael and Carly

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

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The old address using @africau.ac.zw no longer works. Sorry if you tried it and your email bounced. AU changed their email system, so hopefully your emails will never bounce again.

Please pray

- With thanksgiving that our work/residence permit was approved, but only short term so that in November we start the process again- so we ask for your prayers once more!
- For wisdom and grace for the politicians- America's during the November elections, Zimbabwe's during the elections expected to take place in March, and for a non-violent election campaign in Zimbabwe

Yours and His,

Larry and Jane Kies

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