

We pray you've had a wonderful Easter Holiday. We are now just days away from the students returning for our third term of this school year. What a great year so far. Thank you for partnering / praying with us.

A BIGGER STORY



To Hell's Gate and Back

One thing that we do every time we travel is to start our journey with prayer. Everyone here does it. You get in the car, you pray, then you drive. As a school, we put many miles on our school vehicles – transporting student to and from the airport in Nairobi on arrival and leaving days, traveling to sports games (many of them more than an hour away), taking kids to the dentist or doctor, and many other things. As staff, we put many miles on our own vehicles – when we go to Nairobi to shop for groceries, it is an hour each way.



When a recent web article (<http://www.toptenz.net/top-10-most-dangerous-roads-in-the-world.php>) stated that our highway (that goes from Nakuru to Nairobi – the one we travel all the time for the above activities) was listed in the top ten of the world's most dangerous highways, we were not surprised at all. The article was accurate that it was not the road conditions that made it so dangerous (although they are not stellar) but it was the drivers. We encounter crazy and erratic drivers all the time on this road.

On our first day of our April break from school, our family was traveling this road towards Hell's

Gate National Park – about an hour's drive from our house – to meet friends for a two day camping trip. About half way there, we were involved in a 4 car accident. One (crazy and erratic) driver just decided to stop in the middle of the highway. The remaining 3 cars (including us) quickly tried to brake in time, but we all collided into each other. Thankfully, no one was



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hurt, although some vehicles were in pretty bad shape. Our vehicle had a significant dent in the front, but was in much better shape than the others, whose windscreens had blown out, or whose bumpers were completely torn off. As we stood on the side of the road and waited for the police to arrive (40 minutes!) we were able to talk with the other drivers and express the same sentiments – “This is an inconvenience, but not a tragedy. God is so good!” We are so thankful that God protected all of us from harm!

Not Alone

ICEC 2014



During our school break, RVA had the privilege of hosting the International Christian Educator's Conference (ICEC) for all of Africa. This was held for three days and we had teachers and administrators from about 30 different Christian schools all over Africa attend. During those days, we had workshops, sessions of brainstorming and sharing ideas with others in the same field, and two keynote speakers that presented. It was really a wonderful time. One woman that I met during the conference works in a difficult area and expressed to me that the few weeks prior to the conference she had felt so discouraged and ready to throw in the towel, but after attending one workshop in particular, she was reminded of why she was in Christian education and her vision and purpose were renewed and she was excited to get back to her classroom and teach! That is exciting! I know I was encouraged too – to press on and work not for man's approval, but for God.



Adventures in Learning

RVA Interim Program

The last week of our school term was dedicated to leading a group of 13 juniors and seniors on an educational/adventure safari! We traveled about 7 hours north towards Samburu land. The Samburu are a tribe that are “cousins” to the Masai. They wear the traditional red cloths, beaded jewelry and live in remote conditions similar to their ancestors hundreds of years ago. It is what you picture when you think of





Africa – mud and stick huts, desert land, thorn trees, and goats and cows wandering about. It was so cool to experience something completely out of our comfort zone! During our week, we climbed a mountain, played football (soccer) with Samburu children in a village and visited singing wells (where the men dig deep into the dry riverbed for water, then hoist up buckets of water into a trough for their cattle, all the while singing. So cool!). We then traveled about 4 hours to an Adventure Camp that hosts groups such as ours, where we got to rock climb, whitewater raft, kayak, and bungee jump! It was truly a memorable week, but the best part was building

relationships with our amazing group of students!
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Term 2 At A Glance

This term went by quickly! Joyellen was able to co-coach the Varsity Girls Field Hockey team. She had a fantastic group of 17 girls who worked hard and played for the glory of God! Yes, they came in 3rd in our league (playing against many British schools who start their programs way earlier than we do) but the biggest joy in the season was listening to the girls, at the end of each game (whether it was a win or a loss), circling together and singing “Let my play be all for you and for your glory....Glory to God forever!”



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