

For most of you “Spring” has sprung. We hope that this newsletter finds you well as the chilly winter days begin to give way warmer weather and summer fun. On this side of the globe, its just the opposite. We’re saying goodbye to sunny days and hello to chilly rains.

A BIGGER STORY



Transition....A Time for Change

We have just finished another busy term here at RVA. If there was a theme to describe second term 2 at RVA it would be “transition.” The school year begins to change from half begun to half over. The weather begins to change from dry to wet. And high school seniors begin to think about college. Third Culture Kids (TCK’s) live lives that are almost constantly in a state of transition. One of the biggest transition is when TCK’s move from high school to college. During term 2 Jeff took 78 graduating seniors on a weekend get-away where he helped them process this upcoming change. For many of these kids, Africa is their home – and heading to their passport country for University is a life-changing event. We trust that the information shared at this seminar will prepare our students for a successful future.



I (Joyellen) had a busy term in grade 5. One of the best parts of my job is seeing my students go through their own transitions as they mature and grow. As my students, ages 10 and 11 mature educationally they also mature spiritually. I am continually amazed by their awareness of unreached people groups. Some of our times of prayer in the classroom are very moving, listening to the kids pray for people who don’t know Jesus. It is a privilege to work with these students!



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Our children have enjoyed this term as well. Megan had a significant role in her junior high drama production and also was able to play on the field hockey team. Lyndsey is preparing for a big musical production in May, put on by the 5th and 6th graders. Ian celebrated his 9th birthday this past month and enjoys soccer with his friends.

What's Next?

We also are in the midst of transition. We are looking forward to our next home assignment, which will be from mid-July through mid-December of this year. We are excited to reconnect with our family, friends, supporters, and churches during our time in the US. We will be living in Rockford, MI for the 5 months that are "home." We would love to see as many of you as possible. Please let us know if you would like to meet with us and we can put it on the calendar!



In our last newsletter, we mentioned that our friend Esther had her pregnant dairy cow stolen (and later slaughtered). This was a huge setback for her family. We are thrilled that, with the help of many of you, in a very short time, we were not only able to replace Esther's cow, but to also build a more secure enclosure to keep the cow safe! As of the writing of this newsletter, the enclosure at Esther's house has been completed. Her fence and gate have been replaced and reenforced and a replacement cow has been purchased. Now all that remains is to obtain the proper paper work from a

veterinarian and the government to legally transport the cow to Esther's home. Thank you for your generosity!



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Part of being a school is being accredited by an organization that legitimizes what we do as a school. Part of the accreditation process is to complete a self study and then have a team or outside observers visit the school to review the accuracy of the self-study. This month, I (Jeff) was invited to participate on a small visiting team headed to a small but growing school in Liberia. The experience was enjoyable. It was very interesting to see both sides of the accreditation process. Not only serving on a committee here at RVA, preparing for a visiting team but also be on the other side, visiting a school that has worked tirelessly to prepare for the team to visit. I couldn't have asked to be part of a better team.

Each one of us had our area of expertise and complemented each other perfectly. Having the opportunity to serve this up-and-coming school was an honor and a privilege for me.



Praise & Prayer...

- **Praise for safety** in travel for Jeff's Liberia trip – April 9-16.
- **Pray for safety** as we navigate the treacherous roads, especially during rainy season.
- **Pray for a good finish** to our school year!
- **Praise for the funds** to help replace Esther's cow!
- **Praise for a home** in Rockford, MI for our home assignment – July through December 2016.

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