

Greetings from Nairobi, Kenya! I hope all has been going well and the Lord has been continuing to guide you with truth and show you his love. I am very thankful for all of your prayers and your support and am excited to tell you about some of the things that are happening here in Kenya. My current term with SIM is winding down to a close and I am scheduled to leave Kenya on June 2nd. I am hoping to savor my last few weeks here and fit in a lot of things.

At Overcomers by Grace (OBG) we work with about 10 students who have physical disabilities, mental disabilities, or a combination of the two. The school runs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, Christin, the German Occupational Therapist that I work with, and I go to our students' homes to work with them and have a chance to speak to and know their families.

I have been working extensively with two students, Sohail and Irene, who have cerebral palsy and have a lot of difficulty walking. I have been working to stretch their tight leg muscles, improve their balance, and strengthen the muscles used for walking. Currently, I am working with Sohail and his family to get him to a mission hospital to have him evaluated and determine some more extensive medical treatment for both his legs and his epilepsy. With Irene, I have been spending some time with her mother encouraging her to do exercises with Irene and directing her as to which activities will really benefit her. I have been encouraged that Esther is actually following through with the exercises and it is evident how much she cares for Irene. Irene's mother is a strong Christian and we encourage each other when we visit.



Sohail building a block tower.



Irene looking at a Nairobi newspaper.

Another one of my tasks during my time at OBG is to train a young man, Sanjay, to continue working with these students during my absence. I am encouraged by his enthusiasm and love for these students and hope to be able to teach him more about physical therapy and exercises for each individual student before I leave.

Outside of OBG, I have really been enjoying attending our church, New City Fellowship, and participating with the youth. Recently, we had a camping trip, during which we studied peace and reconciliation in the Bible and I was blessed with the opportunity to share my testimony. Peace and reconciliation is a poignant topic, first of all because everyone has painful conflicts in their daily lives, but also because of the recent horrific events which have affected everyone in Kenya. I can see how beneficial the topic has been to discuss. I have really appreciated the blessing that it is to share together with these people and develop friendships. The youth in

Kenya are faced with so many difficulties and I can see how coming together as a group is mutually edifying, uplifting, and blatantly needed. I have been so blessed by the community of Christ that is taking place in the NCF church and youth group.

I have also been participating in a soccer ministry, which is run and coached by the Petra boys soccer team, that meets on Saturdays. The clinic is free of charge and the Petra players invite boys coming from South C and the South B slum sections of Nairobi who they think would benefit and enjoy the clinics. The coaches' goal is to give the boys an alternative activity to participating in trouble or crime while sharing with them their faith in Jesus. I am glad to have begun to develop many friendships with the players and the coaches. While different activities have prevented me from attending sometimes and the clinics are not running during the term break, I am looking forward to being able to go in my final month of my term in Kenya.

Through my whole time, God has been teaching me so many lessons about so many different topics. I have been learning a lot about prayer and the way that God desires us to live in faith and the freedom that we have in Jesus. I also feel that there are many "break-throughs" left to take place in the ministries that I have been participating in and that these "break-throughs" are possible with God through continued relationship and time.

