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Giles and Annie Roberts

Prayer Update – May 2008



Politics... Progress... Peace

Shortly after writing our last prayer update, a power sharing deal was brokered between the two parties disputing the election. Many ups and downs since then, but at last a power sharing government was formed, a cabinet agreed and some sense of stability has returned to Kenya.

There is much damage to repair, many lives that need rebuilding, and many deep-rooted political issues to tackle (particularly land issues).

It was an exciting Saturday afternoon when the President, Prime Minister, and Vice President all decided to use our playing fields to land on. A big day for the school - a bad day for the Roberts as we were in Nairobi seeing the dentist!

School has largely returned to normal. Virtually all the pupils that failed to return after Christmas are now back, although a couple of UK teachers decided not to return which has put pressure on other teaching staff. Recruitment for September has also suffered so we are still looking for teachers for the Senior School (see website for details!).

Annie is enjoying the admissions part of her role, but with overseas admissions suffering this year she feels the pressure to bring in pupils for September. She enjoys meeting parents and assessing potential pupils from all over the world.



First landing on the new airstrip



The Presidential party arrives...



Re-roofing the chapel with Cedar from our own forest.

Giles' job continues to be diverse and demanding. Managing the large (200+) and diverse workforce through the crisis has become easier as tension has reduced. With the security situation returning to normal he has been able to go back to addressing more normal issues and work on developing his department.

He was delighted to be on the first plane to take off from the airstrip he has been building. The major development projects that he came to work on may be facing set backs due to the impact on the economy of the post election crisis. The decision will be made in June on how to continue.

Praise

- For the political solution and the stability returning to Kenya.
- For the safety particularly of our Kenyan workforce.
- For the rapid return to business as usual in the school.
- For the genuine steps of faith shown by Senior School pupils that were baptised in the school pool and confirmed by the local Bishop following the Alpha Course run by the Phil the school chaplain.

Prayer

- That the solution will be lasting and that the underlying political problems will be addressed with God-given wisdom and justice.
- For Kenyan Christians to put faith before their tribal allegiances and for the Kenyan church to be a force for peace and reconciliation.
- For wisdom for school leadership to know how best to use the school resources for good in the community.
- For short term and long term recruitment of quality Christian teaching staff, particularly for the Senior School. (Anyone fancy a job?!).



Tom is a Kenyan Cub!



Visiting friends in Molo



Giles turns 40!

Thank you for all your love, support and prayers

Love

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