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TRUE FAMILY A few years ago we met a beautiful young woman in her early twenties with a quick, bright smile. We invited her into our lives. We did not know in those moments what that would mean for us, or her.

I can picture her at our dinner table telling us her story for the first time. I forgot about my food as she related her abusive marriage and her recent divorce. She was working so hard not to lose control. My heart still twists in my chest when I think about it. She became so much a part of us that she became family. Here is a clip from a blog post she wrote recently.

"...last night I dreamed about my ex.... I parked in front of my old apartment building, and as I was hauling my things to the door and fumbling for my keys, he started yelling at me across the lawn, throwing pine cones at me and advancing on me slowly. The most ridiculous things can be terrifying in dreams. I finally made it inside and fumbled my keys in my panic to lock the door behind me, then suddenly turned around and realized I was in the living room of my dear friends John and Claire, and my entire Spokane "family" was there. The air was warm and the lights glowed and the smell of delicious food hung in the air. All thoughts of my ex vanished. I was safe.

These people entered my life one week after the split, and in many ways I feel that their presence in my life, fueled by the unstoppable love of God, rescued me out of my brokenness. They lived with me and loved me through good and bad decisions, and allowed me to heal at my own pace. Never before or since have I experienced such true community. They are my family."

"God is all about bringing redemption to brokenness"

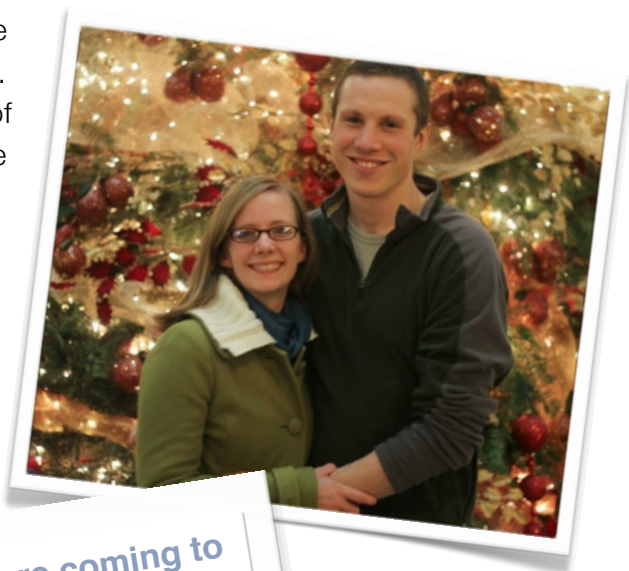
This is our hope and our heart for Kenya. That we would be the conduit for the unstoppable love of God. We want to be "family" to the broken and the lonely (which in reality is all of us at one time or another, right?) We are excited to be a part of Aviation missions in Kenya, as every airplane that takes off is contributing to this overall message of the gospel: God is all about bringing redemption to brokenness. It really is not that we are all that special. It is God who is going to change people, and he is compelling us to go. Pray with us that we would be able to go, that the money would be there.

THE NEXT 6 WEEKS

We are trying not to think of our life as a huge countdown calendar. It's difficult. It seems like most everything we are doing these days has to do with our upcoming departure. We are deeply sad to say goodbye to our community in Spokane, and at the same time full of eager anticipation for what comes next. At the beginning of February, we will be jumping in our car with everything we need for the next 6 months and driving to Technical Orientation in North Carolina, and then after that, on to Kenya!

Please pray with us. Over these next 6 weeks we need to have the remaining 30% of both monthly commitments and outgoing support. This seems like a huge obstacle, but we know that God is capable of making this happen, and we are actively trusting him in this (as in we are selling all our stuff and moving out of our apartment!).

If you are interested in joining our financial support team you can send gifts to AIM's address at the top of the front page, or go to our website for more information. Also if you decide to join our monthly team would you let us know, by sending a quick e-mail. It will really encourage us and help us track how much more support we need. Thank you all for your prayers and walking with us in this.

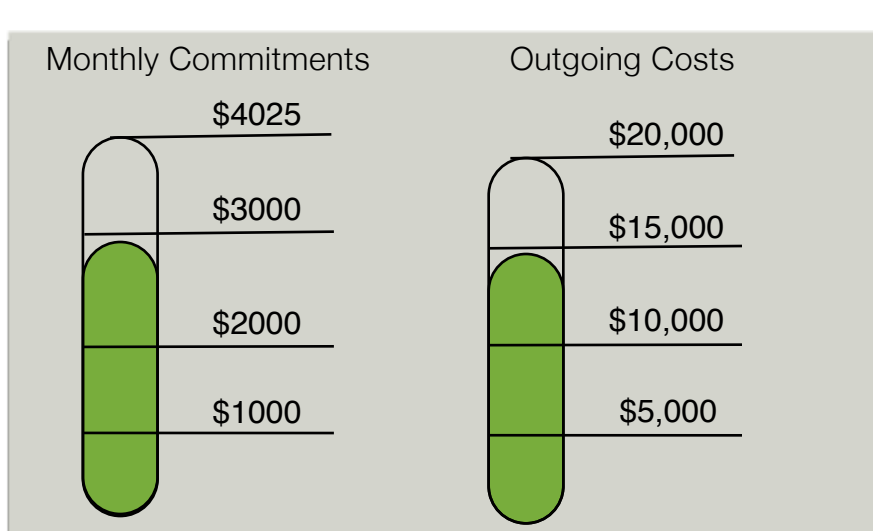


We are coming to the Seattle area!

We will be in the Seattle area Dec 22 - Jan 3. If you live in the area we would love to see you!

*Merry Christmas,
John and Clarissa Holtz*

THE NUMBERS



Deadline to have funds raised:

January 31, 2012

If you are interested in partnering with us, find information on our website:

www.johnandclarissaholtz.com