



**Me and some of the YFC Kenya Staff, wrapped in a blanket they gave me as a gift!**

I am sitting in Tanzania for the day waiting for my next flight (over 14 hours!) and wanted to catch you up on what I have been up to.

This past week I was able to visit Shem, the National Director for YFC in Kenya, and we spent lots of time together, met other staff, and visited some of their different ministry sites. The first day was in the slums of Nairobi, visiting the program they run to reach out to young people, where families are only earning about \$2 to \$4 per day. Here they come alongside the kids to do fun activities, and feed them both food and the Word, seeing many young people come to know Christ and drawing in their family members as well. We were able to share some items, from the container they received from the CRW in Victoria, to support their work with these kids.

A couple of days later I went to their acreage where they have a safe house for teen pregnant or new moms, loving on young women ranging from 13 to 20 years old, and giving them the care they need in the absence of family and the father's support. Some of these girls are there because they have been defiled, shunned by their family, and/or had boyfriends who have since run off. I saw many things from the container being utilized, like strollers, playpens, baby



clothes and diapers, as well as sewing supplies and fabric for their skills training time. They were so thankful for these things that make such a huge difference!







After visiting this site, we went down the road to a school in a remote community with kids from very poor families. Years ago there was no school in the area, meaning kids had to walk a long distance every day to get to the closest one. Many young women were raped along the way. A woman who owned land donated a piece of her property so that a school could be built in this neighbourhood, saving these young women from this horrible abuse. YFC was invited to come and teach the whole school about Christ every Friday morning, bringing hope to those who need it. I had to fight back tears as I handed out school supplies from the container to the 20 kids who were from the poorest families, my heart breaking for those who are in such desperate circumstances. I heard that school fees in some places are only a few dollars per term, and yet some parents can't afford it! What an honour to help these kids and families in such a practical way. This also helped to deepen the relationship that YFC has with the school, earning them trust and an open door to share into the future. After we were done I was swarmed by kids wanting to high five the "Mzungu." What a blast!



This next week I am off to visit with Zaburi, the new National Director for YFC in Tanzania, and to meet some of his staff and visit their programs. I look forward to developing our relationship, and to a possible container going this next year to support their ministry initiatives. I would appreciate your prayers as I go, that the Lord would truly lead our time and future partnership. I am so thankful for

this special time, and appreciate your prayers and support that hold me up during this time. I will be in touch again, hopefully in a week, to update you more. Blessings to you!

Dave

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