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If you had asked us 6 months ago what our life would look like this upcoming school year, we would have described things very similar to the way they had been. Amy would begin the 5th year of running her Tip Tap Toe Dance Program, teaching dance to and touching the lives of young girls in the Wilmington area. Michael would continue his ministry involvement at Wilmington Christian Academy, possibly stepping into an administrative role in the Athletics Department. We were both very content in these plans and weren't looking to make any changes for our family. As many of you already know, God had different ideas for us. Very different ideas.....

Needed:
100 or more people
to begin praying for
our family

This October our family will be setting off on a journey to serve at Rift Valley Academy (RVA) in Kijabe, Kenya. RVA is a fully accredited Christian boarding school located in central Kenya. The academy has over 100 years of rich history and exists to provide a quality education in a nurturing environment for the children of missionaries serving

Needed:
\$47,364 in one-
time gifts for
outgoing expenses

Needed:
\$5702/monthly

Interesting Facts about RVA:

- Teddy Roosevelt laid the cornerstone to the main building
- Founded in 1906
- Over 30 countries represented in the student body which consists of 500 students
- Ranked as one of the top schools in Africa
- Missionary families minister to some of the 900 unreached people groups on the continent of Africa

on the continent of Africa. RVA is a branch of Africa Inland Mission International (AIM), whose purpose is to plant "Christ-centered churches among all African peoples." So as part of the academy staff, our family will be supporting missionary families by loving, teaching and mentoring their children. The ministry of RVA has played an instrumental role in the lives of countless MKs (missionary kids). These kids, who may not otherwise experience a typical school situation, are challenged in the classroom by teachers and peers and can be involved in strong athletic and arts programs.

God has called us to this ministry at RVA and we are looking forward to being used by Him so that He "will be exalted among the nations" (Psalm 46:10). Our first term in Kenya will last 2 years, which includes a 3-week Africa-based orientation, language learning and several semesters of school life at RVA. After 2 years, we will return to the States for 4 months and continue this cycle of 2 years there, 4 months home, until God leads us differently.

We are currently building our team and many have already asked how they can begin to support us. If you would be willing to begin praying for us through this journey please let us know. It will be our lifeblood as we move forward. We have begun raising our financial support, including an out-going need (set-up costs) and an on-going need (monthly

support). If our support level is not at 100% by September 11th our October departure will be delayed. To some this may seem like an impossible goal, but to us it will be one more way our God is glorified through this process. However God leads your heart, please fill out the pledge card form and let us know how you would like to join our family in reaching the unreached people in Africa through our ministry at Rift Valley Academy.

Thank you for prayerfully considering joining our team by supporting us through prayer and/or giving. Our God will supply our needs and He will do that through your prayers and giving, whether it is sustaining monthly support or one-time gifts. Our ministry would not be possible without your generous involvement. We are excited to see how the Lord is going to work and build our team. Please send your first gift directly to us and we will send it on to AIM. If you would like to give online we can help get that set up. We look forward to sharing our journey with you through our newsletters, blog and of course, when we come back for home assignments.

In His Service,
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