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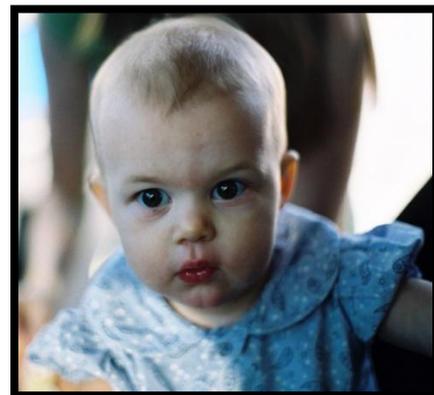
"Truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

Dear Friends and Family,

As Monica reaches her first birthday on April 4th, we are amazed at how quickly the last year has passed! Time flies when you have an infant. Recently we have been busy coordinating the container and packing the many books that have come in from around the country. We so appreciate the response and interest we have received for our Container and Vehicle Projects. We sincerely thank you for your involvement with our ministry. Through your prayers, support, and book donations, you are helping us make a difference for Christ in Africa.

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We recently published our first website. You can read more about our projects (including track progress on the Container Project), see and download pictures from the field, write us a note, and access our latest newsletter. This is a new adventure for us; we'd love your feedback. Our website is a work in progress so please let us know if there is anything we can do to make improvements.



Monica is truly a blessing. I'm not sure how we lived without her!



Watching young people grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God to become leaders in their own communities is very rewarding.

Have books? You can help!

We are still collecting new and second hand materials for our Container Project. We are specifically looking for Bibles, Christian discipleship materials, textbooks, classroom supplies/aids, teacher guides, and stationary supplies. These materials will be distributed to churches and schools throughout Zambia.

Did you know that there are over 200 million Christians in Africa who don't have their own Bible? Many of these people can actually read English, but still are unable to access or afford their own Bible. In fact, many *pastors* in Africa don't even have an entire Bible! We are so blessed, as Americans, to have multiple copies of different translations! If you have extras that you are no longer using, we would love to take them to Africa. Christians there are waiting to cherish God's written Word. Christian discipleship materials are also very helpful.

The textbooks and teaching aids that we are collecting will help African teachers prepare the children of Africa to be godly leaders. While there are many rural schools across Africa, most of them are woefully deficient of even the most basic materials and textbooks. The books that the government distributes are humanistic at best, and often openly teach communism and anti-God principles. If you have any textbooks or know a Christian school that may be looking to pass on their old books, we would be happy to put them to good use for the Kingdom in Africa!

Does a Godly Education Make a Difference?

We've frequently been asked, "Why books? Why education? Don't missionaries just evangelize?" After ten years in Africa (and a lot of prayer), I firmly believe that the answers to both Africa's physical and spiritual problems can be found through a Christ-centered education. The state of Africa's Christianity has been likened to a river that is a mile wide, but only an inch deep. There is wide spread "Christianity" or profession of belief, especially in many of the cities. However, real godliness and faith are lacking. Additionally, each generation has to be re-evangelized as though their parents had never heard the Gospel. What is the cause of such serious spiritual problems? How can we affect lasting change in this continent that seems truly enslaved by darkness?

One of the key aspects of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and making disciples is to do exactly as Jesus said and teach, "everything that [He] has commanded." If the children of Africa could learn how to think and act as to the Lord, and learn to fear God in their hearts, then we would see many of the chronic problems come to an end.



Bullen Dolli (above) and Andrew Mandis (above left) were students of mine in Sudan.

Recently I had the privilege of seeing the fruit of a godly education in the lives of some of my Sudanese friends. Bullen Dolli and Andrew Mandis were students of mine while I was the principal and a teacher at a school in Mundri, Sudan. Now, eight years later, they are studying on scholarship at a college in Alabama. They intend to return to Sudan after completing their education, using their education and skills to demonstrate Christ's love to their own country. It's amazing to me to see these young men grow up and become the new pillars of their community. I'm grateful to know that I've had a part in shaping them into who they are now, and I'm inspired all the more as we continue our work and educational endeavors. I know that one day there will be many more like them as a result of our continued labor for the Lord.

His Handiwork

God has been so gracious to us. Six months ago, we had no idea how to "make the Container Project happen". Well, the Lord has totally taken control of this project and shown us that we are truly unnecessary, but remarkably blessed to be a part of His work. He is bringing everything together, far better than we ever could have. Much of this we credit to the prayers of faithful friends and congregations around the country.

A few months ago we were trying to figure out where to store the books and supplies until we could purchase the container itself. After I spoke at a missions conference in Phoenix, someone offered to allow us to use space in his warehouse to store the books and materials as we accumulate them. This is ideal as the truck carrying the container will be able to back straight up to a loading dock- packing will be so much easier. We have also networked with a fellow missionary in Zambia who is sharing the container with us. This is helpful as we can ship a 40' container for marginally more than the 20' container we were originally planning use. As we will be sharing the container this actually reduces our shipping expenses by several thousand dollars and we get to ship the same amount of materials. God is good!



The Lord is blessing us with many great books to use for discipleship in Africa.

We have had a tremendous response from all over the country. Boxes of hymnals have been shipped from Washington, discipleship materials and home school textbooks have come from Colorado, classroom supplies were driven down from California, and churches around Arizona have gathered stacks of books and Bibles through foyer donation tables.

Additionally, we have received word from ITMI that funds raised for the Container Project will be matched "dollar for dollar" up to \$10,000! That means that instead of \$11,000, we only need to raise about \$5,500, of which the Lord has provided \$2,000 so far. If you would like to partner with us financially in this project, please see the donation information at the end of this letter.

If the Lord continues in His abundant provision, we are hoping to have the container fully loaded and shipped out by mid June. Once the container is shipped and the mountains of literature are on their way overseas, we will be moving our family to Zambia as our new permanent home. There are a lot of logistics involved in all of this so please keep us in your prayers.



Once we sell the Toyota FJ Cruiser, we will be able to purchase a missions vehicle in Zambia.

Vehicle for Sale

Much of our Vehicle Fund is the 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser that we have been using here in the States. This vehicle was donated to us by some wonderful friends, and has truly been a blessing. We are now looking to sell this vehicle in order to purchase our field truck in Zambia. If you know anyone who might be interested please pass our details to them. The FJ Cruiser is in pristine condition, has a lot of extras, and only has about 35,000 miles on the odometer.

Taste and See that the LORD is good!

Would you like to hear first-hand accounts of the African mission field? We would love to come tell you about our ministry, and share the vision the Lord has given us for His work in Africa. We are greatly encouraged by your prayers and support; we would love to encourage you with stories of the Lord's protection and provision in Africa. Please contact us if you would like us to visit your Church, school, or small group. We have a lot of great pictures and stories, and yes, we can share the... adventurous side of being a missionary too!

Please pray...

- For the Lord's hand to be on the Container as it is packed up and shipped to Zambia.
- That our preparations for departure will go smoothly.
- That the Lord will continue to give us grace and wisdom as we serve Him in Africa.

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Timothy, Ashley, and Monica Keller

Gifts may be sent to: The Keller Household, c/o ITMI, PO Box 7575, Tempe, AZ 85281

To receive a tax receipt, cheques should be made out to "ITMI" and designated to "The Kellers" (or "Keller Container" for Container shipment funds)