



Dani's parents were visiting us.

**How priceless is your unfailing love,
O God!
Children take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.**

Psalm 36:7



Children at Dani's and Robert's home.

Dear friends and family members,

Two days ago we brought Dani's parents to the airport. They have visited us a little bit longer than one week. Yesterday I asked my mum to describe her impressions from their visit to you. Therefore this prayerletter is much longer and looks somehow different. Please sit down and relax while you are listening to Mummy's words.

„I'm the mum of Dani. Just now I came back from a visit at Dani's and Robert's place and I like to share with you about my experiences at Kapkuikui and what we have seen over there.



Our airplane arrived in time at Nairobi. But the process of immigration took almost one hour. When we paid for the visa they took fingerprints from the whole hands and made pictures from us. Then we came out and we only saw Robert.

He explained to us that Dani was helping a German girl who had problems with her luggage and her passport. By handling those things the connected flight of her was gone. We waited and waited till Dani came with this girl. After 15 months we were now able to hug each us while crying because of joy. Meanwhile it was 5 p.m. and we were still at Nairobi...

On the highway there was much traffic and a lot of noises - the cars were overtaking each others left-hand and right-hand... and I was glad that Dani or Robert didn't have to drive here by themselves. They have asked a pastor from Nakuru to drive and pick us and he was happy to earn some extra money.



Matatu at Nairobi

We were very happy that we didn't have to take a "Matatu". A Matatu is a nine seater but at least 16 people are sitting inside... Because of the jam it took us two hours to leave Nairobi. There is no regular car check like in Germany and therefore a lot of smoke was in the air.

But on both sides of the roads we saw beautiful Jacaranda trees and other nice trees with red flowers. On the top of the trees there were many Marabous, big birds who are living from the rubbish. They were flying over the top of the cars.



Jacaranda trees on both sides of the road



Kibera-Slum at Nairobi

Finally the traffic jam was over and we were passing many iron sheet houses in which many people are living. Very often they took even some paper bags to fix the house... I asked myself: How can someone live like that? How can you cook, live and sleep there? What is going on when the rain is coming? There is only the plain soil... nothing else... The people have many children because the children are their life insurance. Most of the Kenyans don't have retirement money or a health insurance and the children are caring for them...

After almost a four hours drive we arrived finally Nakuru at 8 p.m. We were quizzed in the car because we took the German girl with us. It was very good that Dani knows Nakuru already and so she was able to find a simple but clean hotel for us. But before we went there we were having lunch at a restaurant which was making eatable food for us Germans and not too expensive. Till now we only knew Africa from the view of our expensive safaris and staying at the lodges in the National parks. Now we got to know the "real Africa" like Dani is experiencing it. Totally tired at 10:30 p.m. we went to bed under a mosquito net with many holes in it. It was in a simple African hotel room.

On the next morning Robert was first organizing the journey of this German girl. She was coming to Kenya for a tree month practical time somewhere next to Lake Victoria. Robert brought her to the right Matatu and she was placed next to the driver and a lady with a small baby. Because it was her first time to be in Kenya therefore she was very thankful that Dani could give her some advice for the life in Kenya.

After that we went shopping with Dani at a supermarket in Nakuru while Robert went to the garage to do some further repairs. We got to know that Dani and Robert were buying a car which had an accident before and therefore they will have much more repairs even in front of them. The car was so expensive and because of this we are very sad...

In the supermarket there was apart from some bacon only African sausage. Cheese is very expensive and only sometimes you will find a cheese which is similar to the German "Gouda" and sometimes you get "sliced cheese" like the German "Scheiblettenkäse". That's all.



Supermarkt in Nakuru

The vegetables looked very old - not fresh... and there were only some few vegetables. That is the place where Dani and Robert always have to do their shopping. Therefore sometimes I'm sending some German sausage called "Salami". ☺ But the parcel takes at least three weeks... It's amazing how much Dani has to suffer according to the food you get here at Kenya! We as Germans are spoiled a lot according good food!!! Here you will get many rice and beans...

But no otherwise Dani and Robert are doing a big shopping here every two weeks. Later on we understand that this is their only possibility. Therefore we are so thankful that they have a car. Before that they were always coming by Matatu and they had to change the car two times. A Matatu is always overcrowded with at least 16 people in an old Toyota bus which is somehow spoiled... and to their home place you will need 2½ hours... **Thank you for making it possible that Dani and Robert have a car! Thanks to God!!!**



Kenianisches Dorf

Dani and Robert were parking their car at Nakuru. After a 2½ hours drive on roads which have a lot of holes and "bumps" in front of the villages Robert was driving as safely home. Actually is a very good and safe driver! Outside of Nakuru the traffic became less and we had to pass many small villages which looked very poor.

Finally we reached the home place of Dani and Robert at **Kapkuikui!** Jessy, the German shepherd dog (who is a watchman for the house) was welcoming us heartily. When Dani was coming out the car, she was "kissing" her a lot so happy she was to see Dani again.



Jessy



Jessys puppies

Also the two cats were welcoming us. Their task is to protect our loved ones because of snakes. Jessy showed us her twelve little puppies which are not yet able to bark. But they were making a lot of noises to welcome us, too!

In front of the house we saw also a cook and two hens fixed next to the bikes because the chicken's house was not yet finished. The handyman has promised to make it and Robert went several times to Marigat to check for it. And he heard always tomorrow... tomorrow... But when will be "tomorrow"? This you have to learn here in Africa - pole pole (slowly, slowly)...

Dani wanted us to be safe and therefore in the evening they were putting a poison called „Doom“ to kill the mosquitos and we were sleeping also under a big mosquito net without holes... not like in the hotel before... On the next morning Dani and Robert went with us to Marigat. Also it takes half an hour by car to reach there. At Kapkuikui you only get charcoal, maize and maize flour and sometimes a little fruits according to the season.



Shop at Kapkuikui Center

Always Robert had to care for the many holes on the road while driving. Also he was quite concentrated because of the sheep, cows and donkeys on the roads. But he knows how to handle those situations very well.



Dani is buying some fruits at Marigat.

At Marigat Dani was buying pineapples, mangos, paw paws and tomatoes which tasted very nicely. But everything is full of dust even when there was rain every evening. **We are so thankful that you were sponsoring Dani and Robert and the 1200 people of the village a water tank and also a filter system!!!** For now the whole village has enough water to wash all these fruits.

There are two „supermarkets“ like the one you can see here on the photo. There is no fridge to cool the things... you can not choose a lot... buttermilk without a fridge!!! Drinking water you will get in small bottles and even in paper bags. For me it is amazing how Dani can handle all this! And the people are at the market place are very friendly to her.



Supermarket in Marigat



Candidates at Kapkuikui

The next day we spent at Kapkuikui Primary School to say good-bye to the candidates. It was the last day of their final examination. At this school Dani and Robert are teaching the pastoral program. To teachers got one of Jessy's puppies. We got the opportunity to speak to the students and to pray for their future. Everybody was very happy and very heartily to us.

In the afternoon we were invited at the place of one church elder of Kapkuikui. To reach there we had to walk over big stones from a former volcano. For Robert even as a good driver it was very difficult. After a 40 minutes drive, we went by foot for another 15 minutes. For the car it was a very heavy rough road and now we understand how important it was for Dani and Robert to get a four wheel drive.



On the way to the family

Almost every family at Kapkuikui has their „own mountain“ and the children have to walk always for long distances to reach school or Sunday School even when there are some shortcuts, they still have to walk for more than 45 minutes one direction.



Visiting a family

Very heartily the family was welcoming us. First we got warm water for washing our fingers. Dani has prepared a German fruit cake and then we got "chai" that is black tea with some milk and sugar. It was very helpful that the oldest son of the family were translating for us because the whole family were only speaking Kalenjin.

After that they were serving us also rice and beans. Three of their children are members of Robert's dancing group at AIC Kapkuikui. We got the opportunity to look at their huts. And it was amazing for us to each how happy they are without fluid water, no electricity, no TV and so on... All the water they are always bringing with two donkeys. Everybody has got only a small tiny chair and two or three children are sleeping in one bed. Similar it has been at the time of Abraham.



Inside the hut

In the midst of one hut there was a place for cooking on the floor. How much we Germans are spoiled!!! And very often we are so disappointed even when our life is full of luxury!!! Before we left we were praying together in German, English and Kalenjin.



Hen as a thank you

As a thank you for our visit Dani got another hen. Now she has got three hens and one cock - all have been gifts and very soon they will have their own eggs. When the people of Kapkuikui are giving a hen that is almost everything what they have.

In the morning and evening Dani and Robert are buying some milk which is brought to them by some children. If the children are coming during supper they get always an invitation to stay for food, too. Kadalas like to spend a lot of time with the youngsters. That is very important to build a good relationship to teach them later on also about God. Sometimes even 10 people are joining their food. That's normal for them!



Visitors are sharing the food with Dani and Robert

For us it is amazing with how much love and patience Dani and Robert are handling all those children and youngsters and how much those children and youngsters love them, too!!!



Dani preparing for the evangelistic program at school

In the evening there was a very strong rain... Shortly after that the lights went off - no electricity and we were sitting in the darkness. Because of the strong rain the electric wires were broken and for two days we didn't have any power... That meant no electricity for the fridge, no electric tool in the kitchen and no warm water for the shower. We were sitting next to candles and paraffin light... and while cooking we are using gas...

In Germany we have electricity for granted!!! But here when there is a strong rain for several days you don't have power till somebody is coming to repair everything... **Glory to GOD! That Dani and Robert have a generator for their ministry!!!**

On the next day we were attending the pastoral program at the Kapkuikui Primary School. Also here we saw lots of love and fun! Dani and Robert really enjoy the program like you can see on the photo. Also for us it was a great fun to see everything.



Robert teaching at School

As a gift for the children we brought sweeties. The children were so excited that they were almost laying on the top of each other to get the sweeties. The children were so happy about our coming and they liked to see their faces in the display for my camera.



Dancing Group at AIC Kaptombes

On Saturday we went with Dani and Robert to visit the AIC Kaptombes. Here Robert is teaching catechism class and another dancing group. The children were waiting already at the church. They were very happy about our coming.

Every Saturday afternoon the dancing group of AIC Kapkuikui is meeting at the church. They are almost 50 children from 10m years and above. Before the dancing group starts Robert is teaching also catechism class. During the choir practise 30 to 40 children are coming just to watch the dancers.



Two boys from the dancing group



Dancing group of AIC Kapkuikui

Also some mothers with small children were standing outside the church and were watching at the dancers through the church windows. It was a nice atmosphere of worship and prayer. The children were concentrating a lot. After the practise we brought them some cookies and juice as a gift.



Dani's parents and some children

After the program was finished some children were coming next to us. They were asking Lothar for his name and by making fun he answered: "I'm Barak Obama". The children were laughing and laughing and could hardly stop... but when they were listening to my laughing they could not stop anymore... They were laughing for more than 30 minutes. For us that was like a gift from heaven. I thought one day in heaven it will be like this: happiness everywhere, shining faces and eyes, thankfulness, deep peace and love!!!

Still I can feel this atmosphere and I can see the shining eyes, the open mouths, the laughing and the shining of the eyes of those children. Happiness, deep in our hearts, touching our soul. We are on in God's glory!!! That was my greatest gift!!! Thanks to the Lord that you could experience this!



Children of the dancing group



Mama and the children

While I'm writing this tears are coming in my eyes and I think I was aware about God's glory! Thanks to the Lord! How great is HE !!!

After everything was finished I got the opportunity to speak to the children. I was asking them: "Do you know Jesus? Is Jesus the Lord in your life? Who knows that Jesus was dying for him?" And many children were lifting their arms. Then I was asking them: „Who of you would like to give your life now to Jesus?" I was praying with them a prayer in which they could handle over their life to Jesus and almost every child was praying. **It was a blessed time! Thank everybody who was praying for our time here at Kenya! We saw God's presence here!**



Mama is speaking to the dancing group and I'm translating her



Children at Kapkuikui

Please continue pray for Kapkuikui! Those children are the future church at Kapkuikui! Many children are coming to the dancing group whose parents are not attending church. Which great opportunity to spread out the word of God! Please pray for Dani and Robert! Thank you!

On Sunday we got an invitation for breakfast from Joshua and his family. Joshua is the chairman of AIC Kapkuikui. Again we had to drive 40 minutes on rough roads on the top of another mountain, goats and cows were escorting us. We had a wonderful fellowship and it is so nice that now we met the families personally and we saw their life with our own eyes. Therefore now we can pray much more direct than before.



Joshua's daughter cooking



Sunday School at Poi

After breakfast we went by foot together with Joshua to the Sunday School at Poi. The children are meeting there under a tree. They would like to have a small iron sheet house which would cost almost 350 €, that they can meet and worship the Lord even during the rain season. But at the moment there are no means for that.

45 children were meeting here for Sunday School. Someone was playing the drum while they were singing wonderful songs in English, Kiswahili and Kalenjin. Later Dani told them a mission story about prayer and one student was translating her into Kalenjin. Also here we saw shining eyes and laughing faces when Dani and Robert came to visit them.



Sunday School at Poi



Dani parents were preaching at AIC Kapkuikui

After the Sunday School we went fast - but slowly driving ☺ - back to Kapkuikui to attend the Sunday Service. Lothar got the opportunity to preach. He spoke about the "Power of prayer". I was translating him into English and someone was translating me into Kalenjin. Some were reading in their Bibles and some made even notes.

We were challenging the people to believe in Jesus and we were asking: „Who of you want to be closer to Jesus?" After the service we had some time to meet people. Some said it was a wonderful preaching. We trust in the Lord that the seeds which we laid can grow and will carry fruits one day.

Sunday afternoon we went to another church called AIC Tembererwe. Robert was packing the generator, the loudspeaker, the DVD-Player and all other technique in the car that we could carry it with us. **Thanks to the sponsors who gave money for buying a double cabin pickup. Without such a car such a ministry would not be possible!!! Thanks a lot!!!**



Way to Tembererwe

Shortly after we left Kapkuikui the sky were changing its colour into a dark grey something... The road was just plain sand. Sometimes there were 40 cm deep holes and Robert was driving fantastic not to stick in one of these holes. While driving I was praying a lot and God has answered my prayers: The Lord had stopped the rain after some drops... I cannot imagine what would have happened if we had to pass this slippery road in the rain!!! God was doing a miracle for us and the rain started after we reached home again. **Glory to him!!!**

When Robert and Dani are going to Tembererwe they always take some children from Kapkuikui with them for help. Also there 30 children are interested to attend the catechism class Robber will start there very soon. **How great is God!!! And how many opportunities have Dani and Robert to serve the Lord and to build his church!!!**



Children at Tembererwe



Dancing Group at Tembererwe

Also here almost 50 children, youngsters, old men, men and mothers with children were coming to watch at the dancing group. In the dancing group are only children from 10 years and above, but also the little ones were dancing and laughing, while the older ones were practising.

It was an amazing and blessed Sunday! We could feel the presence of the Lord! After Robert was finishing the sun was setting and it was amazing in which short time everything became complete dark. That is typical for Africa! While the moon was shining we went home to Kapkuikui.



Moon over Tembererwe



Lake Baringo

Monday was Dani's birthday and Robert went with us to Nakuru to visit the Castle of Lord Egerton. On our last day on Tuesday we went to Lake Baringo to watch at hippos, crocodile, ostriches, sea eagles and many other birds.

We thank all of you who were praying for our trip to Kapkuikui! And we want to ask you to support Dani and Robert with your prayers, too! They are doing such an amazing ministry, even when it is difficult sometimes and takes a lot of power!

Their next challenge is the repair of their car. On our last day some petrol was licking down and the garage was telling them it will be a greater repair... one day they should come very early to repair the car. That means that they have to leave Kapkuikui at 5 a.m. to travel the 100 km to Nakuru to repair the car.



The Car of Dani and Robert

When Dani was escorting us to the airport, Robert went to the garage and they could repair the car just with putting some soup meanwhile... If Dani will go to the garage by herself she will pay more than tree times the money Robert is paying because of her while colour. Do they have to spend another 20€ at the hotel or even more to repair the car? How much will it be??? For now we don't know yet.

But we will trust God that he will provide everything Dani and Robert will need. Good said: I know your needs even before you will tell them to me in prayer... Therefore we want to thank him for helping our children."

That was the report of Dani's mum. We hope that you had fun while you where reading... even when it was much longer than usual...

Blessings and Greetings from Kapkuikui, Kaptombes and Tembererwe,

Yours
Robert & Dani



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