

# THE WILDGENS

Eric and Julianne

## THE LORD WHO PROVIDES

Six months have passed quickly. In August, we bid a temporary farewell to Kenya and settled down in Chicago for Julianne to finish her final semester at Moody.

While living in a first class city we were worried about how to keep our expenses down, but the Lord provided for our every need in sometimes miraculous ways. It is great to see that He truly is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides!

This was a sweet time for our marriage. With a relaxed schedule, we devoted a lot of time to getting to know each other more. We had many wonderful evening walks and talks through the city.

The Lord gave us an abundance of time to devote to study. Eric took advantage of the Moody library and almost every day had a new book to read. We were especially encouraged by reading about the lives of faith of those who have gone before us.

We read about the lives of Hudson Taylor, C.T. Studd, Peter Cameron

Scott, and Andrew Stirrett, who were instrumental in the founding of many faith missions such as WEC International, African Inland Mission, and SIM International.

The Lord gave us the opportunity to be involved with Minooka Bible Church, a wonderful church in the Chicago/Joliet area. (This church sent a group to Kenya to work with us last summer.) We were able to serve with the junior high youth group. It was a both a challenge and a blessing to be able to

volunteer with the church in that way.

After a 3½ years of sometimes exhausting study, Julianne is now an official graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Woohoo!

Now all our things are packed and we're getting ready to go back to Kenya for the long-haul. We leave on March 1st for Nairobi to begin the rest of our lives. It's exciting and fearful all at the same time, but we know God will always take care of us wherever we are.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**\*Pray that Kenyans will see the need and be burdened for the spreading for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Pray for the Samburu people to come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ and trust Him fully.**

**\*Juli will be learning Swahili for the first few months. Pray for her perseverance.**

**\*Pray for the changes in ministry; for us to quickly adapt to the transition.**

**\*Pray for the productivity of the farm.**

**\*Pray for the students to grow deeper in the faith and truth.**

**\*Pray for the strengthening of our marriage in this time of transition and new ministry.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

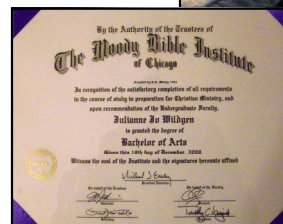
- There are 42 tribes and 21 of them are considered still unreached.
- There are sixty-two languages in Kenya.
- The official language is English and the national language is Swahili.
- About 33 million people live in Kenya.
- The highest point of the country is the snow-capped peak of Mount Kenya at 17,022ft.

## FARMING AND DISCIPLESHIP?

In 2004, Chris and Rachel Wagstaff, a couple from Liverpool, England, started a farm in Kenya as a means of teaching Christian character to young Kenyan adults. The idea was modeled after an Israeli kibbutz Chris had worked on after he finished high school and which was instrumental in solidifying his faith.

The farm is targeted towards recent high-school graduates who are waiting to get their final examination results and then hear from prospective universities and colleges.

▶:Eric and Julianne take a walk in their leisure time.



◀:Julianne's degree from Moody Bible Institute. She now holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Ministry.

The program allows Kenyan students, who are in this waiting period, to come and stay on the farm free of charge. During the day they work the farm, which pays for their upkeep, and in the evening they sit in Bible studies and listen to teaching. The whole program provides a place for students to learn how to work hard and to grow spiritually.

This coming July, the Wagstaffs are moving back to England and have asked us to take over leadership of

the program. The Lord has provided this wonderful ministry opportunity for us. We have been praying for the Lord's guidance and really feel this is the direction He is leading us.

Won't you please keep us in your prayers as we make plans to take over this ministry? We have no practical farming experience and very little farming knowledge. This will be a big step of faith for us! Keep praying for us! Thanks!

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## THE SAMBURU MINISTRY

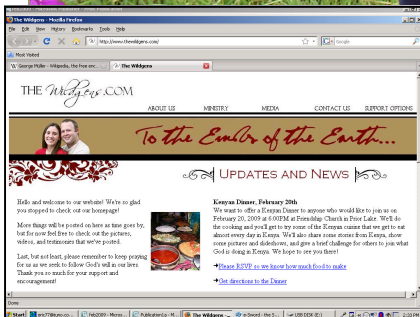
We have not forgotten about Samburu-land. The Lord is at work among the people there. We plan to continue preaching the Gospel to there as long as God gives us opportunities to do so. Part of our plan involves taking the students from the farm to Samburu District for them to get a taste of missions. Most students have never left their hometown before coming to farm. Our prayer is that the Lord will call some of the students to minister long-term there.

▲: Eric and Julianne spend a moment in Lake Nakuru National Park with zebras and other wildlife behind them. Kenya is world-famous for its wildlife and scenery.

## WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!!!

◀: Check out [www.thewildgens.com](http://www.thewildgens.com)!

Keep up to date with us online, also see pictures and videos there!



## THE LIFE OF FAITH

It's almost cliché because we've heard it so many times, but the Bible says more than once "...the righteous will live by faith..." Now we've heard it so much that we don't think much about it and when we do think about it, we talk about how it relates to our salvation, i.e. that it is by grace through faith.

But I believe there is a parallel truth there for us to understand. I believe that God's wants us to live everyday by faith. That means not just trusting Him for our salvation, but trusting Him for everything else also. Why trust Him for the most important thing—salvation, but not trust Him for the little minutiae of daily living? Is He not able to provide

for everything we need?

God desires our humble childlike dependence on Him and He delights to give us what we need when we need it.

The life of faith is truly a life lived by faith day by day, trusting God for everything. Have you ever stopped to consider what areas of your life you don't trust God to handle? Are you afraid He won't come through?

We've seen and testify to His faithfulness. He provides for us in miraculous ways — it's wonderful! But we don't say this just because we're missionaries. We believe that's how God wants all of us to live,

i.e. in total dependence on Him. We want to encourage you to step out in faith and practice the art of trusting the Lord. It's an adventure that's sometimes a little scary, but you will truly see that...

*The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him...*

- Nahum 1:7

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