

## **My Call to Africa & Raising a Family on the Mission Field**

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### **I. How God called me to Africa**

- A. Used my future husband
- B. Spoke to me through Scripture
- C. Daily quiet time with God
- Has been the most important thing I do in Kenya & has kept my love for God & focus on ministry strong (Ps 91), "Without God, I could do nothing."

### **II. A wife, mother & teacher to my 4 sons in Kenya**

- A. My covenant commitment & love for my husband has kept me on the field
- B. Mothering my sons - my life's greatest delight & priority
- C. Homeschooling joys & trials

### **III. Challenges**

- A. A transient life
- B. Disease & other critters
- C. Lack of good medical care
- D. Not many friends in rural Kenya
- E. Political instability, high crime, bad drivers & roads

#### IV. Fun Times

- A. Visits to game parks, not zoos
- B. Saw the Masai tribe in person
- C. Learned Swahili
- D. Fed giraffes
- E. Swam in the Indian Ocean
- F. Visited & spent time with other cultures: Rosslyn Academy – cultural field trips; Aaron – out with Masai, his photo won the BJU commencement award, stayed in a Muslim home in Mombasa for a week, visited remote areas of Kenya including Turkana

#### V. Family Ministry

- A. Spiritual training in the home
- B. Ministry in our home
- C. Ministry at church

**CONCLUSION:** On the mission field of Kenya, our children learned valuable lessons & training. Each one of them has a special “love” for the country & people of their childhood.

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