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Greetings in the name of Jesus!

### **Kirsten and Ruth Korner**

Recently, things have been turned upside down for almost everyone in this world, yet I am constantly seeing how God brings out the good in the bad. While I am one of the few students that are still on campus, I find it easy to use all this free time to rediscover some of the small joys that I had forgotten about in the hustle and bustle of the semester. It's amazing to be able to go outside and witness the world bloom, to see people still enjoying the sunshine on their walks, and be able to customize my study according to a suddenly very free schedule. I have currently just been studying, practicing driving, and also trying to get involved with groups on campus such as Missions, Pro-life, and Multicultural Chapels. It has been a challenging semester so far, but Jesus really has been helping me. Thank you all for any prayers and well wishes you have sent this way! They sure are working. With Love, Ruthy

Classes are continuing online at Abilene Christian University. Ruth is still in the dorm with a few girls and Kirsten is in her house with one of housemate's present.

### **Grace and Keith**

There are a few cases of the virus in Kenya, but none detected in Eldoret. The country is in lockdown, some businesses closed. A directive says that from now on all meetings of over 10 people is banned and all religious meetings are cancelled. Hotels are to only give take-away food only. Every building you go into you wash your hands. Each business establishment you wash your hands. My hands are getting chapped!

*Immigrations* visit on the 18<sup>th</sup> - nothing has changed. The guy who is to write up my site visit is on leave, so no report written. I was told it would not matter anyway as Nairobi office is closed. So, I am here, the surrounding countries borders are all closed and no international flights coming or going into or out of Kenya.

A great time to *relax and visit*. I find myself less stressed and spending special time with people. On Friday afternoons, Allan Muhoro and I visit one of the youth from the church. That has proven a good time to get to know the youth and also work with Allan who is our youth minister at Rock Center. Julius, who I wrote about on 14<sup>th</sup> March is at Navillus. Allan and I went out there one Friday and met with him and two other boys. Now they have a bible study which meets consisting of five boys. Since Julius went to Grace Bible College Youth Program, he is the leader. So, I am working with him as he leads the bible study.

Several of the youth call me 'dad'. Others call me 'missionary'. To most people, I have taken on the name of 'mzee' (old man, "a term hopefully meaning wise with the age"). We stopped to the house of Carol one day and Carol introduced me to her father as dad. Took me a bit by surprise to call me dad in front of her dad! All names of honor, so I am trying to live up to each of them!

*Romance book* – Romance 101 are you ready for relationship is the title of the book we started with youth from four churches (45 youth in attendance). It is to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at Rock Center Church. We had to cancel the March meeting because of the ban on meetings. After the January

meeting, I hear that some of the youth went to look for older people to mentor them. February discussion was exciting and challenging as it was about 'dating' verses 'courtship'. After that lesson, one of our youth said he is giving up dating, as he is not ready for a serious relationship at this time in life.

May the Peace that passes understanding be yours at this time,

Because of the sacrifice of Christ,

Keith and Grace (Kirsten and Ruth)

P.S. for you who still want to read on – a Pondering and Tickling moment

As we were putting up the water tank at Navillus for the garden project, it was a sight to see the young brave men slowly and cautiously walk of the ladder. Not just one but several. You could see the fear in their ascent. It is only 8 feet off the ground, so I was encouraging them that they probably would not break anything or die if they fell! This is probably the first time their feet have left the ground to be so high in the air!

Made me think of my fear and how my feet love the ground as well. When I swim, I like my feet to be able to touch the ground while my head is still above the water!

Grace's sisters and nieces helped to provide a lot of clothing for the orphans. This is distribution of those items at Navillus, one of the three places we help orphans. Now we with the Joseph Muhoro family are helping 133 orphans and widows who help with the cooking. Also, our electrician and Christian brother in town has a relative who works for KLM. He was able to get for us some used KLM blankets to give to some of the orphans without blankets at home.

GOD IS SO GOOD





Navillus distribution