

Two lion cubs and a lioness we spotted in the Nairobi National Game Park this January.

December's Flurríes

December was a full month for us. It started off with the **Wycliffe Associates Africa Area Conference**. The conference was held the first week of December in Kenya at Lake Naivasha. We helped the Hagmans coordinate and plan the conference. It was a great success. There was a crowd of 19 people. Josh and I were greatly encouraged by those working with us throughout Africa and in the US. It was great to finally meet, in person, the people we email regularly.





A day after the conference we flew to Mombasa for the **Chidigo New Testament Bible Dedication**. The Digo community now have the complete New Testament in their own language - Chidigo. It was wonderful to celebrate with them as they received their New Testaments. During this celebration they also dedicated a new building to be the literacy center. Bible Translation & Literacy have now completed six New Testaments.

Our **Christmas celebrations** were lots of fun. Jon & Cher came to watch the kids while we were at the conference. Jon was having some medical issues and the decision was made that they would stay in Nairobi for Christmas, doctor appointments and such. We had a wonderful time together.



Jamhurí Park

Last Friday Tracey and I went to Jamhuri Park where there is a Red Cross camp for refugees in Nairobi. We dropped some things at the donation drop point and then we walked down to the parks arena to pray with people there. We were told there was around 3,000 people staying there, but the number was constantly changing. Many people who are staying there live in Kibera but their homes have been burned. We talked

with a lot of people who had just come to see if they could get some food. The atmosphere in the arena was thick with tribal tension. The crowd thought the people giving out food were only calling on the Kikuyus, the "President's tribe." But a Red Cross volunteer said only about 5 names from a long list had been called when complaints began.

The people there are defiantly hungry and all looking for help whether they have lost their home or not. Some are trying to blame all the problems on one tribe or another. Others just want to be able to get on with their lives, but with their businesses and homes gone that is a difficult task.

Left: Photos from the Digo Community's NT Bible Translation Dedication in December.

"The dedication is a celebration of partnership. There are those who started the work, others build on their foundation and completed the translation. We celebrate with partners who gave their resources and with others who prayed."

Mundara Muturi, Call of Kenya Sept-Nov 07

Prayer

Requests & Praises

- Please continue to pray for Kenya: For the leader's salvation. That God would meet the needs of the Kenyan people and make Himself real to them in this time.
- Please pray for our family's safety and health.
- Praise the Lord for the Digo's NT translation, a process that has taken 20 years. These people can now come to a better understanding of who God is.
- Carolyn, one of our volunteers who has been with us since April 2007 will soon be leaving Africa. We thank God for all her hard work in the Africa Area Management position she filled. We are grateful to have gained a friend so willing to serve God.





Leopard, Zebra & Lion aka: Cher, Gabe & Raeleigh

Kenya in the News: A brief update

• On Dec. 27th Kenya held their Presidential & Parliamentary elections.

• The 2 main candidates for the Presidency were Mr. Kibaki, the past president and Mr. Odinga.

• Mr. Kibaki was announced the President of Kenya on December 30th.

• Since this announcement looting, destruction of properties & tribal violence has been taking place all over Kenya. Over 250,000 people have been displaced. Many homes & businesses have been burned, especially in the slum areas.

- Mr. Odinga & ODM party supporters have made several attempts to hold rallies all over Kenya, but these rallies have been banned. Violence relating to these rallies has been minimal.
- The ODM party won the Parliamentary Speaker position (the 3rd highest political position) on 15th of January.

SAFETY NOTE: We just want to reassure those who have been keeping up with the Kenyan news that we are safe. We have been staying home on scheduled rally days. And those days have been relatively quiet in our area. We are able to get out on other days & do pretty much normal activities. At the first of the month some fresh foods were hard to find, but the stores have been stocked lately. Last week the Nairobi traffic was back in full swing.

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"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:19

We believe that God is sovereign, and trust Him for the fulfillment of our needs and the needs of Bible translation.

It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider partnering with us and participate only as you personally sense God's direction.



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