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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What interesting times we are living in. Isn't it wonderful we have a God who is unmistakably bigger than the troubles we face here on earth? As the Prophet Jeremiah reminds us, *"Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your out-stretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You"* (Jeremiah 32:17). It is with this proclamation that we remain

faithful to His plans for our lives. We have been constantly reminded, through the reading of the Word and fellowship with wonderful brothers and sisters, that we are called to take the wonderful Good News of Christ out to the nations. For everyone that has been supporting us both in prayer and finances, we say thank you for this commitment. We love each and every one of you.

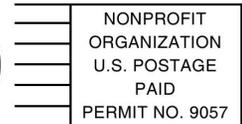
Back in March, we made a strong attempt to get out of the country and get to Malaysia before borders started to close. We quickly moved our plane tickets up over a month and packed what we had available at the time. Sadly, the borders closed. Since that time, we have been praying regularly for the borders to open so that we can get to Malaysia to start our ministry. As time moved on, it became evident that Malaysia's borders were strictly locked down at least for the foreseeable future. We were left with a decision to make. Do we stay in the United States and continue to wait for the borders to open or do we head to an open field to help and wait there? After much prayer and study, we found that Kenya opened their borders on August 1. We decided we would seek further advice from the Things to Come Mission board on this matter. After meeting with the board, **the decision was made for us to go to Kenya** to assist the field there during this time of waiting. We are making a **6-month** commitment to this amazing field. We are blessed that faithful missionaries paved the way for opportunities like this. We will assist the work in Kenya in the Bible school as well as help the missionaries already assigned to the field, Robby and Tegwen Heath and family. This gives our family a chance to proceed into the foreign mission field. This also helps us get cross-cultural training that will be invaluable in Malaysia. There are hoops we have to jump through to even get to Kenya so please be praying for this. We must have up-to-date negative Covid-19 tests upon entering Kenya, however there is a time limit from the time we take the test to the time we present the certificate at the Kenyan border. Also, plane tickets and visas are a matter or prayer. We plan to step out in faith and leave by mid October!



Robby, Tegwen, Vernon, and Vesper Heath. Missionaries to Kenya



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Although our work in Malaysia has temporarily been put on hold, our passion for the Malaysian people grows each and every day. We are confident the Lord will open borders so we can get to Malaysia to help the work there. *“For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day”* (2 Corinthians 4:15-16). We will trust the Lord, and we are thankful for the opportunity to learn from the ministry in Kenya in the meantime!
We love you all and thank you!

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Joel, Leah, Enoch, Naomi, and Silas

