



Future home of new missionaries Brian & Heather Dellamater, who will be moving into this home during our time in Kenya. (Brian and Heather are friends of ours from church)



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We trust that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are preparing for the Christmas season. We are all so blessed with all we have in this country . . . our family is especially thankful that we have a home, food, a thriving business, wonderful friends, and loving, supportive families—these things that we take for granted are things the others in the world do not have at all.

In October, we sent out an initial letter notifying you of our plans to travel to Nairobi, Kenya for a 16-day short-term missions trip with First Love International. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with update as to what has taken place since we first contacted you.

In December, the Kenya Field Director is working to get the building permits that we need in order to start construction on the Trades Center. They are hoping that the masonry construction will be finished by the time our team arrives in Nairobi in January so that we can get the roof on it and some of us can build tables, benches, and shelves and also paint. We will be finishing up the construction on the duplex that our friends Brian & Heather Dellamater and their two sons will live in during their two-year term as full-time missionaries. At this duplex, we will have plumbing work, tiling work, electrical work, cabinet making, and carpentry and painting to finish up. We will also be able to work at Kids Klubs at two schools each day to minister to the children. So, there will be lots to do and we are excited to be a part of it.

So far, we have both received our first set of immunizations in a three-part series. We have also applied for our passports. Chad's sister, Colleen, and his parents, Lee & Marcia, have come forward and arranged to care for our two children, Holland & Griffin, while we are gone—this is such an unbelievable gift to us and a huge burden lifted from our minds knowing that they will be well taken care of! We can not express to you how grateful and humbled we are by those who have already given and to those who are continuing to give. It has been such a blessing for us to see all of you who are supporting us through prayer and through your financial gifts. To update you, we did meet our first deadline of half the funds by November 20—thank you! Now, we need to raise the remaining half and have it come in no later than December 31st. We are still in need of your help both in prayer and financially. We truly appreciate your support!

If you would like to support us, any amount of donation can be sent payable to “First Love International” at the address below. Please designate your gift in our name, Chad & Deb Smits, for the Kenya 2007 trip. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt of your donation. If you have any questions for us, please call (815) 703-7294 or E-mail Deb at deb@smitsphotography.com.

Thank you for your support and God Bless you,

Chad & Deb Smits

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