

Greetings from Malawi! Our long rainy season is coming to an end and the nights are finally starting to cool off. We were on our way to a party last weekend when Jackson and Kelley Grace started singing to keep Kate from crying. They chose to sing the Malawi national anthem. When they finished, Mark said, "OK, now for the American one" There was complete silence in the car. Our American kids need to do some civics lessons!

A few weeks ago we were in front of the academy and Jackson asked me if I could spot the British flag. I scanned the twenty or so flags in front of the school, and told him it was three down from ours. He said, "Oh no, Mom, it is two down from ours." I looked again. My "ours" was the American flag; Jackson's "ours" was the Malawian flag! We have some work to do!

The kids are doing well! Jackson just finished a great swimming season. Both Jackson and Kelley Grace are continuing to ride horses. They are starting their 4th term of school.

Kate is great, she could sleep a little more at night, but she is a precious little girl!

I must say Mark and I are worn down. We are spiritually hungry and physically and emotionally tired. The last few months we have experienced some real challenges in dealing with others. While this is not something you typically write home about, this is where we are right now. We feel like we are "running on empty," constantly giving so much in an environment that already takes so much from you.

Mark is getting busier at the clinic and having huge electrical issues. He has operated the clinic more without electricity than he has with electricity over the last few weeks. This is incredibly frustrating! Some issues are structural that need costly repairs. Other times it is just "Africa." He loves his doctor work. He doesn't care so much for trying to run the clinic in a place where he is defeated by circumstances so often.

The pediatric ward is coming up, and we are still praying for a full-time pediatrician!

All of this said, yet we continue to feel our time in Malawi is not complete. I will say, we have thought more about leaving the past few months than ever! But it seems God has more to teach us in our time here.

We would ask you to pray for us. We really need some spiritual nourishment and protection for our marriage and family! Pray for wisdom. Pray that God will raise up people who can meet some of the physical and emotional needs of the Boersmas.

We thank each and every one of you for your continued financial and spiritual support of our work here in Malawi. Thousands of Malawians who have visited the clinic in the past year They thank you too!

Please check out the website at www.boersmamalawi.com.

Mark and Britt Boersma, Kelley Grace, Jackson, and Kate