

Joy's February 2009 Memo

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When I was going through missionary orientation a few years ago I was instructed on the virtue of being flexible. My nature to plan ahead with a full complement of details has gone against the grain of flexible living. My venture into Sudan these past two years was an extreme test of my flexibility. I had to loosen up joints and habits that had long ago become stiff with practice. But as I look back it was good and God was teaching me to rely more on Him and less on me.

In the past few months during my Homeland Ministry Assignment I found myself having less and less flexibility - in my back that is. In my October '08 Monthly Memo I asked for prayer for travel home because I was having back pain. Well . . . the pain increased to the point that I sought expert opinion before heading back to Nairobi this month. I need to have surgery for a herniated disk before returning to Africa.

Even though this wasn't in my plan please pray with me as these arrangements are made, for me to be a gracious patient, a speedy recovery, and most of all ~ flexibility!

I desperately want to get 'home' to Kenya and Sudan but am praying that God will help me be still and patiently savor some quiet time with Him.

Shalom, *joy*

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Go ~ Give ~ Pray

Maybe you didn't get a chance to hear me give my challenge to be involved in Mango Ministries during my HMA. One way to partner with me is to pray for me at least one day a week. If you'd like to be on my prayer team please let me know which day you will pray and I'll add you to my list.

So far this is the number of people making prayer commitments!

Sunday - 28
Monday - 29
Tuesday - 25
Wednesday - 27
Thursday - 24
Friday - 23
Saturday - 23

Prayer Praises

- Commitments of prayer and financial giving
- Safety during travel
- Seeds sown for involvement in Mango Ministries
- WGM's training of pastors in Sudan

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom in laying foundation for Mango Ministries: location, methodology
- Recruitment of team members
- Successful back surgery
- Peace between North & South Sudan and in Darfur

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