

Wish we could ship you an instant supply of Kenya's green, warmth, and sunshine--I have a feeling some of you are struggling as you huddle around your winter fires, teeth a-clattering. Hoping you are doing well, otherwise!



### **January 2026 - ABO!**

We feel continually amazed by this job we get to do! The privilege of bearing witness to what God has been doing in the lives of each of these precious new workers in the harvest! What a joy!



This ABO brimmed with diversity, 33 adult attendees, 19 children, 13 different nationalities, various languages, and headed for 8 different countries in response to God's call on their lives. We felt deeply honored to be a part of this dynamic group. God's desire is for all to hear of His goodness and love.

*Blessed  
By  
family!*

Sally and Peter Maclure, Sharon's Aunt and Uncle, came to share devotions, lead small groups, share their stories of their life spent on mission, and invest in the lives of the ABO attendees.



**February Sharon's** two Aunts, Linda and Ginger, and cousin Melissa, came for an adventure! They graciously invited us to tag along as they explored Kenya! Both Aunts had graduated from Rift Valley Academy many years ago. We visited RVA, Kaptagat Children's Home where Aunt Linda and her church are actively involved, the Maasai Mara, and ending at the beautiful coast of Kenya. Here are a few pictures ... What a blast!



So, what is next in the season to come?

Change is in the air... the months ahead are full of newness, transition and hope!

After much prayer, seeking the wisdom of others, and discussion with our family, Sharon and I have had to make the big decision to move back to the States in early August. It has become clear to us that being based in the USA would help us better support our family. AIM has agreed to allow us to continue running the ABO program. We will be based in North Carolina instead of Kenya, making trips back and forth to Kenya 3 times a year.

So, what do the next months look like?

**\*March** is all about packing up our house and closing out our time in Nairobi well. Our lease expires at the end of the month, so there is a lot of sorting to do. We are grateful to have buyers already lined up for the furniture, van, and even a sweet family to take our dog, "Tamu." We will host our church's small group each of the next 2 weeks. There are a lot of details to think through--we'd appreciate your prayers!

**\*April through June** will see us back at our "old stomping grounds"—Rift Valley Academy! The school asked us a few months ago to consider filling in as dorm parents to Junior girls (the full-time dorm parents are taking a 4-month Home Assignment). Not sure how that will go, as I've only ever been a dorm dad to boys in the past! Sharon will take the lead for a lot of that role, I'm sure.

**\*July 12<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>** is the next ABO training. We are grateful to already have children's workers lined up for the 15 kids currently on the list and we continue to pray for adult staff workers as well as a few teachers for our ABO curriculum. Thanks for praying with us for these needs.

**\*August** will be another HUGE transition, as we head back to the States. We are trusting the Lord for a place to live (probably in the Raleigh/Durham area of NC), where we can best support our family's needs. We will stay on, full-time, with AIM. **We are excited about several ideas of expanding our passion for supporting new workers and helping them prepare for ministry...**we will let you know more as we learn more! And, of course, we'll continue organizing and preparing for future ABOs, but from NC.

Once, when reflecting back over the years of ministry we've had, I commented to Sharon: "Well, at least it hasn't been BORING!" This most recent change came as another "curveball" that we didn't see coming—but are united in it being the right decision. I was thinking over the lives of SO MANY Bible characters who had to face similar unexpected changes to their life trajectories: Joseph never plotted to move to Egypt, Daniel never dreamed of being deported to Babylon, it probably wasn't Abraham's first choice to uproot from his hometown and wander around for 25+ years. Life certainly comes with unexpected twists and turns. HOW GLAD we are that our gracious, constant, ever-present God sovereignly sees it all, and so kindly walks this journey with us. Speaking of walking this journey with us, Sharon and I are ever more grateful for the ways you have walked with us over these many years! Thank you for the support you have blessed us with in a myriad of different ways!

We thank God for your prayer and sacrificial support. It is such a blessing to partner together in sharing the incredible love of our Savior. With gratefulness, Steve and Sharon Entwistle



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