



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*

## July 2010

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Greetings from the Admire house in Pipe Creek, TX! I wanted to tell you what's been going on in my life lately, both at home and with CrossWay International.

CrossWay International has been busy with many new and exciting projects. A team just returned from Nicaragua with some great stories of ministry and evangelism there. At the same time, Bob Nicol and I have been working with our new water well drilling rig that was purchased for the CrossWay Water for Life division of the organization. Bob and I have done everything we could do to the well rig to break it...however, it still works and works well! The rig has been delivered to the warehouse to be packed up and loaded in the shipping container and shipped to Mombasa, Kenya. We have several projects in Kenya planned and more in the planning stage. I'm very excited about this because it will mean more ministries to people that need water and an opportunity to send mission teams to Africa. Stay tuned for more news on this later.



*Mud on my face from practicing with the new drilling rig!*



*My "new bucket"*

Here in Pipe Creek we are wilting in the heat (I know, we sound like wimps to any native Texan)! Lisa is enjoying gardening, and we have added ten Welsummer chicks to our chicken population. But I'd really like to tell you about Scout. Scout is our four month old Border collie puppy. He is very playful and loves to toy with an old green bucket. It doesn't hold water because the bottom has been broken out of it, but Scout is very happy carrying it around or pushing it up and down the hill with his nose as he runs full tilt. The other day I gave him a new bucket. He pushed it around for a while, but then he left it and started playing with the old green bucket, scarred and familiar.

Scout reminds me of myself. God may be calling me to expand our water well drilling ministry into Central America. For me, this is like a "new bucket." I want to go wherever God sends me, but I find myself getting caught up in the comfort of the old and familiar. I leave August 10th – 16th with Dean for Nicaragua to check out a drilling rig, do some preaching, and investigate any "new buckets" the Lord has for us.



Since I've been back from Africa, I've been considering what I accomplished on my trip to Kenya and Ethiopia this past March. On the one hand, if I were to bill this out as an electrical job, I'd have lost a lot of money. But if I consider the time I spent with Melaku, Bob Nicol, Ken Gatithi, and Dean Chollar, I could only say I've been enriched by seeing their gifts in action and their hearts for the Lord.

This trip also stretched me in other ways. I met missionaries and listened to their stories—I even cried a little (in private) as I heard stories of molestations, mutilations, banditry, and thievery. These missionaries live and work in such a struggling country-- many Africans hear the gospel on Sunday and then forget it on Monday as they strive each day just to survive. While this sounds bleak, I did meet African men and women that are meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their people. As much as I would like to lead the charge to right these wrongs, I believe the impact God wants me to have on these lives is to provide clean water when we drill water wells. When we drill, God gets the glory, and the Africans that receive the gift of this water are blessed on physical and spiritual levels.



Please pray for Lisa and me as we transition from electrical contracting to working full time as a CrossWay International missionary. We are hoping the Lord will raise up our prayer and support needs soon so that I can focus more intently on the CrossWay Water for Life ministry. This trip to Nicaragua will run \$1800, of which we have \$620.30 so far. We look to the Lord to help us with the rest, and I would appreciate your prayers for all of this. If you would like to partner with us, we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Also, please pray for the details of sending the rig and setting up the water well drilling ministry in East Africa. I remain still very much engaged with Africa, too (my old bucket)!

Thanks, too, for your past prayers and support. If you are not on our mailing list to receive the CrossWay International newsletters, let me know and we'll add you so you can keep up with us as we work in God's kingdom.

(To see more information and pictures of the plans and rig, go to our main website at [www.gocrossway.org](http://www.gocrossway.org) and click on the What's New? tab.)

As always, Grace and Peace,  
*Merle Admire*

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