

**“It is in a Box”** (or in other words we still do not have our work permits)

Sitting in a storage room in Benin are a number of boxes, 18 to be exact. These boxes contain pretty much everything that the Cox family values and feels that they need: pots, pans, cooking utensils, books, tools, files, etc.... We have purchased or borrowed everything we need to “get by.” Over and over we are saying: “If I only had my pasta pan, or the transformer for the printer, or did you pack the drill, etc....” The response over and over is: “It is in a box.”

As an astute reader, you will ask: “Why are these boxes sitting in Benin?” These boxes are still in Benin because; as of yet we do not have our work permits for Kenya. Without work permits we cannot ship our items from Benin, get a bank account, get resident cards or get long term visas.

We have been hearing for months that our work permits will be ready next week, or on Friday they will be picked up, or they need just one more signature; although as of yet, we have not seen a work permit. Please pray that our work permits would be granted in the near future.

## A Chance to Help

Our move to Kenya has cost about \$7,000 more than we planned. Used cars in Kenya are very expensive plus the power steering went out in the vehicle we purchased two weeks after we got it. As they were working on the power steering they also found lots of suspension problems. If you would like to help with this you can send a check to TWR, PO Box 8700, Cary, NC 27512 put “Paul & Donna Cox Transfer Fund” on the memo line. To give via credit card please call TWR at 1.800.456.7897 and ask to make a gift to the Paul and Donna Cox Transfer Fund.

## Expiring Visa + Aging Dad + Visiting Mom = Road Trips

In order to renew visas since we do not have work permits, we will have to leave East Africa every 3 to 6 months. Along with this, Donna's father (James) continues to face health challenges. We do not know how much longer the Lord will wait before calling James home. So these two things precipitated a trip to the USA for Donna in May. Praise God with us that Donna was able to spend some time with James and her family. (As much as Donna wanted to see many of you, her time in the States was spent with her family.)

If all has gone to plan, as you read this Paul's mom (Rosie) is visiting us in Kenya. Donna and Rosie were able to travel together to Kenya. Rosie's health is good right now and if she was ever going to make it to Africa to see us now is the time. Praise God with us for Rosie's health, the opportunity to travel with Donna and her courage to visit her grandkids in their native habitat.

Paul will return to the USA with Rosie. This will give Rosie someone to travel with and give Paul a chance to have some time with James, Donna's family and his family. In addition, Paul will renew his visa while in the USA.



Donna with her Family: Donna, Cecil, Joy, Mary & James

## What it Says, What it Means and Why You Should Care

Paul's first major project in his new role as Director of Discipleship is creating a document that will help explain the importance and significance of TWR's Statement of Doctrinal Position. Now some of you, like many other people, are probably saying, "Why can't we just read the Bible, accept one another and get along. Why bother with all of this doctrine stuff." While this sentiment sounds nice, 2000 years of church history starting with the first church council in Jerusalem, in Acts 15, has demonstrated that this sentiment does not practically work. As fallen humans we are prone to error and arguments. Sound doctrine (even though it may be difficult and cause some disputes) provides God's people with boundaries in which to think, believe and operate. When approached rightly and humbly it can even help promote unity by clarifying where Christians need to agree to disagree.

As Paul has been working on this he has been painfully reminded that one of the hardest tasks theologians face is making "Christianese" and theological language easy to understand for those who have not studied theology or whose first language is not English. Your prayers would be appreciated as Paul works on this.

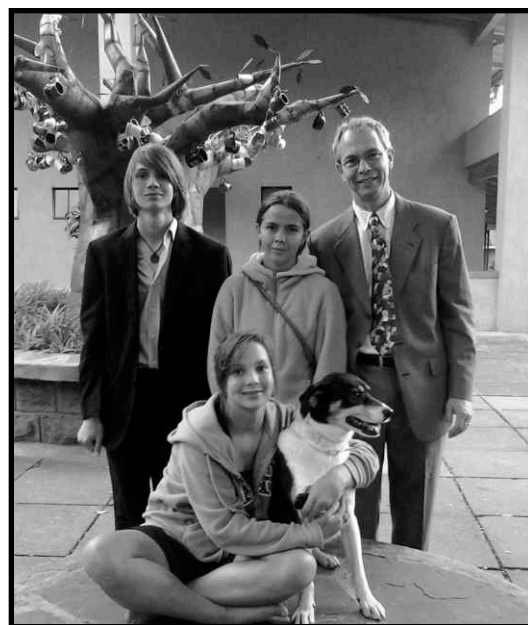
Paul needs to start an evaluation of how well TWR is doing audience relations in Africa, how audience relations could be improved, at what level is discipleship happening with audience relations and how could discipleship be improved. A good evaluation that gives an accurate picture of what exists and what needs to change is not easy. Pray for Paul as he starts this task.

### Major Changes in the Africa Region

There are some changes happening within TWR in Africa. One of the very significant changes is that Simon Burdett has been named as the interim Africa RSSD (Regional Support Services Director) and will report to the Vice President of Global Operations (the previous RSSD reported to the International Director of the Africa Region). Many of you have prayed for the Benin Transmitting Station (BTS) team through the years. The BTS team and Simon would appreciate your prayers as they go through this leadership transition.

### Meet the Newest Member of the Cox Family

Family and friends meet Jesse. Jesse meet family and friends. Jesse is a female ridgeback / mutt mix that we picked up at the Kenya Society of Protection and Care for Animals (the Kenyan equivalent of the pound). She is incredibly well behaved and loves to be around people. So far Jesse's favorite thing to do is to visit the kids at RVA where she receives lots of attention. Jesse's one idiosyncrasy is that she will not fetch a ball. She prefers fetching rocks, fetch Kenya style.



Nehemiah, Micah Joy, Paul, Miriam & Jesse

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