

THE ROAD TO KIJABE

NEWS OF THE PASZALEKS' PROGRESS TOWARD MOFFAT COLLEGE OF BIBLE IN KIJABE, KENYA

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WHY DO WE THINK KENYA IS GOD'S WILL?

After 23 years at Almeda Bible Church/Southway Community Church, I asked the Lord what was next. I "heard" Him ask me, "How would you like to go to Moffat* and teach church history?" It was clear to me that the Lord called me, but it would be necessary for Him to confirm His call in several ways.

MOFFAT CONFIRMED OUR CALL.

At the time that the Lord called me to teach church history at Moffat, they had just lost their church history teacher. I think this told the administration that the Lord was calling us there.

At the same time, Moffat had just put a new strategic plan in place. This plan calls for bringing in short term mission trips. I have spent the last 10 years developing an approach to short term mission trips. I have either led or mentored trips to Mexico, Spain, Kenya, England, Croatia and Haiti, most of these countries more than once. I even developed a website to help other churches learn to do short term mission trips (www.missiontriptools.com).

AIM CONFIRMED OUR CALL.

We filled out lots of paperwork and psychological tests (they accepted us anyway!). We went through multiple interviews, provided references. Then after spending a week in Pearl River, NY, AIM confirmed our call by appointing us as missionaries.

OUR DAUGHTER JOHANNA CONFIRMED OUR CALL.

The idea of moving away from our friends and family has been hard, especially on Linda and Johanna. I'll let 16 year-old Johanna tell you in her own dictated words about how the Lord confirmed our call to her:

"Well, um I was going through the memory verses I needed to do for camp that our team needed to do to get points. I was going down the list and Samantha had marked the ones that were shortest so I could memorize them first because she was the secretary for our team. So Jeremiah 29:11 was next on the list. So I looked it up and read it through twice and started to memorize it when I realized that 'Hey! This one applies!' There really wasn't so much talking from God about it, just 'Stop worrying. OK, God does have a plan for my life and He knows what He's doing and His plan is to 'prosper not to harm' me so it will turn out well no matter what.' While I may not still be *happy* about going at least I am at peace about it."

THE LORD CONFIRMS OUR CALL THROUGH YOU!

Every prayer you pray, every gift you give, every commitment card you fill out confirms our call, because we can't go to Kenya without *your* help! Thank you! The Lord has provided **all** the \$20,000.00 needed to start our house in Kijabe (another 20,000 to go!). He has also provided commitments for 35% of our monthly support. Thank you for your part in these victories. If God has been talking to you about sending a gift or making a regular commitment, please act on that good impulse today! Thanks!



*OUR STORY

SO FAR...

The Lord has called Kevin, Linda, John and Johanna to "move house" to Kijabe, Kenya where Kevin will teach Kenyan pastors and Christian workers at Moffat College of Bible. He and Linda will also mentor students, and bring in short term mission trips (maybe you?) to work with Moffat graduates. We are raising prayer and financial support.

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