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Warm Hello's & Sad Goodbye's

It seems that the past few weeks have been packed with Hello's & Goodbye's. To begin the month, I traveled to the girl's orphanage in Tanzania where I have been visiting for the past 3 summers. I was welcomed with 26 little girls, darting down the hill to give me huge hugs with a "few" screams of excitement! A few days later, a group of friends from Holland Hall arrived and "my cup overflowed" with tears of joy to be in the presence of people who know me and know Tulsa (it's difficult moving somewhere new where no one knows you)!!! My time in TZ was so fun and meaningful! When I left, the tears fell again during my goodbyes to

the girls and my friends from Tulsa. However, I returned home to a welcoming committee of children chanting outside my gate "Sarah, Sarah, Sarah" just as I turned the corner onto our street! Then later that week, I had to say goodbye to my German & Northern Ireland SIM friends who are returning home because their time serving here is finished. During my training before heading overseas, I was warned about the difficulties of living in a community where personnel changes are inevitable. I know that next month 2 American couples are coming for one-year terms and the friendships will begin again!

PHOTO ALBUM



Happiness and me in TZ



vacation Bible School



Going away party for friends



SAINTS sports day



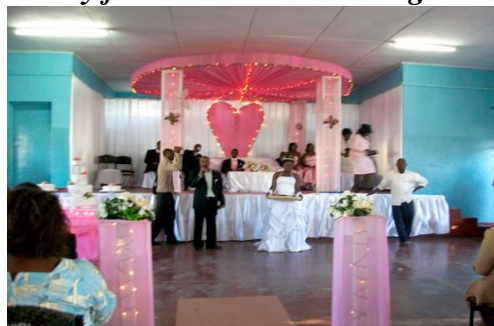
Meet Madalitso and her baby Karis! I took this picture outside her home in a village, which is a 20-minute walk from my house. Her husband, Kondwani heads up the peer-prevention program in the HOPE for AIDS initiative. Mada and I meet weekly to discuss cultural differences that I need help processing. Also, Mada encourages many women in a couple churches nearby about HIV/AIDS and I am hoping we begin a discipleship relationship. She is 22 and still considered a youth by many women but she has a lot of wisdom and love to share. We have just started cooking (I'm learning Malawi dishes & she is learning how to make a few American things-cookies) and we plan to go shopping, etc! ***Please pray*** that our friendship grows and I am able to learn more Chichewa, Malawian culture & that we are able to spur one another on!

YOUNG LIFE

This month has been full of Young Life planning! Camp is next month & we have 2 camps planned: 1- for government school kids and the other for kids from private schools. We found a great place on the lake

that has plenty of room for a volleyball tournament, a field for big games with 60 kids running around and of course a big room for club at night. The point of camp is to give kids an opportunity to have fun, continue to build the pastoral relationships that the leaders have with kids but ultimately give them an opportunity to listen to a Christian message of love and hope. We have a YL group coming from the states to help us work the camp (make food, cleaning, preparing for the events) to give the leaders time with the kids. I just found out last week that the group is from OKLAHOMA (Edmond)! So, I am excited to host the group of Okies! ***Please pray*** that camp will change lives and that all will go as planned. Planning out all the details is generally a big job now just throw being in Africa on top of that! We have become very flexible! Also, ***please pray*** for protection as we transport all 120 kids to the 2 camps and while we are there for a safe fun time!

My first Malawian Wedding!!!



Coming next month: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF SARAH!!!

From people seeking work daily, to buying vegetables in the market, to avoiding goats in the road while driving, to spending time in different ministries to just hanging out with local children~
Read it all in the JULY newsletter!!!

HOPE for AIDS

I have started meeting Monday mornings with the HOPE for AIDS leaders. So far it has been a time of learning about the different projects that are happening, updates on new things and sorting out different "speed bumps" that come up. I have also been able to take part in a peer prevention day where the youth in the church run an event that will attract other people from the villages to do basic education on HIV/AIDS. It was great to see the youth take ownership and plan the event. Also, I have been compiling information from most of the 70 churches we partner with through a survey on their HIV/AIDS related needs (i.e. education, orphan care, prevention, access to medicines) ***Please pray*** that I am efficient and helpful in serving the HOPE for AIDS program. Check my website for more details!!!

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