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CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE...

With so many celebrations for me to share some of our happening this month, May has been a blast for me! On May 9th, I celebrated with a friend from N. Ireland, Stephanie with all of our SIM & Malawian friends. Then the next Friday, I celebrated with my home group friends by going out to eat at my favorite restaurant here. The next morning a few of us "short-termers" went on a safari a few hours from Blantyre and saw tons of hippos and elephants! And then on my actually birthday (the 18th) I had a birthday party on the corner of my street with all my neighborhood friends. We had cakes, balloons, "sweeties" and it was a real treat for them and fun

for me to share some of our American traditions. One of my friends, Bridgette (pictured below) had picked some wildflowers in the field by her house and brought them in a bundle to me! One of my friends said "when is your actual birthday...haven't we been celebrating the whole month?" EXACTLY- just the way I like it! Actually, my birthday seemed to set in the "3 month blues" that everyone warned me about. The initial excitement of my adventure settles down and the reality of being away for 2 years sets in! However, I'm still joyful to be serving God in MALAWI!

PHOTO ALBUM



AIDS- Home Based Care



Coaching village girl's soccer



Safari Birthday Trip



My birthday celebration

Ministry Update

One of the hardest adjustments has been discerning where God is leading me in ministry. Before I came, I was geared up to start a youth sports ministry in the Blantyre youth center through soccer practice/games and partner with Young Life Malawi. As time has gone on those roles have seemed to flip-flop. Through much prayer, meetings and discernment on a few people's part, we have decided that I will be primarily focused on Young Life but also having a secondary role in the HOPE for AIDS program. First, Young Life has been so much fun here in Malawi- I have made great friends and started a few bible studies (with girl leaders & students). This month, the Director of Young Life Africa, Steve Larmey (based out of Tanzania) came to evaluate and give direction to our group. He had GREAT things to say about the mission of our group here: "Connecting the heart of kids to the heart of Christ". He finished his visit (after a few long days of board meetings) by inviting me to take on a larger role by leading the Saint Andrew's Young Life team. I have since prayed about this and met with SIM leadership to discuss the opportunity and we are ALL for it! I have enjoyed my time coaching there and will continue to coach during the week but also will be more involved on campus, especially with the 40 or so girls that are boarding students. The term is about to end for "Saints", so our focus right now is on our upcoming



Visiting a center for street kids

*campus that are July 27th-Aug 4th. **Please begin to pray** for camp and that we work out all the details quickly to remain on schedule! Also, **please pray** that I will be an effective servant leader for this group and that our discipleship time continues to be fruitful for everyone. I just love YL & these girls!!!*



Bridgette: a 4 year-old girl that I LOVE spending time with!!!

HOPE for AIDS

My other ministry opportunity will be with the HOPE for AIDS program, which stands for **H**ome based care, **O**rphan care, **P**revention & **E**nabling. My role is still being determined by what is most helpful/needed but I'm happy to fill any role. I know God has put this ministry on my heart to serve those infected or affected with the disease. Currently, I am attending a Monday morning bible study with the leaders of the program, soaking up as much info as possible about HIV/AIDS and doing any Admin legwork that is needed. **Please pray** that we will know the best use of my time in helping the program! **Read more about life here in Malawi on my website!!!**

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