



RCA Missionary Update

from the Van Eses

St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, is an international and ecumenical institution that prepares men and women for ministry in the Christian church and in society. Founded in 1903 as a divinity school, St. Paul's recently expanded to become a Christian university. In addition to doing theological studies, students can now earn a bachelor's degree in business administration. Rowland Van Es Jr., who has training in economics and theology, teaches in both departments. Jane Van Es teaches sociology and psychology at the bachelor's level and assists with the master's-level program in pastoral care and HIV/AIDS. Rowland and Jane served previously in Sierra Leone, Malawi, and the Gambia. They have two daughters, Jenna and Michelle.

Kenya facts:

- Population: 33,829,600
- Size: 582,646 square kilometers (slightly smaller than Texas)
- Major religions: 70 percent Christian, 20 percent Muslim, 10 percent indigenous and other beliefs



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Limuru, Kenya

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Greetings from the Van Es family en route to you in the USA!

We are about to get on the plane from Kenya to Michigan (via Amsterdam) to start our home service 2010 and are eager to see many of you, especially those we did not manage to see last time in 2008 (and some we also missed in 2006). A lot has changed here even as some things remain the same. We look forward to sharing them both with you. School is out for us and the girls, although some St. Paul's students continue studying during the third "summer" term. We will teach again when the 2010-11 school year starts in September.

On the family front we no longer have anyone in middle school as Michelle finished eighth grade (with flying colors) and will be a freshman in high school here joining her sister who will be a senior. Jenna will be looking at colleges this summer (mostly in the midwest). Michelle is



Van Es Family 2010: Jane, Michelle (14), Jenna (17) and Rowland

looking forward to high school even though she will miss middle school and some of her friends who have left Kenya. Jenna has already taken the ACT and the SAT and has college on her mind (even as she stays focused to finish well).

While we are home Rowland's parents (Rowland and Judy Van Es) will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and we (Jane and Rowland Jr.) will be celebrating our 20th! On Jane's side of the family there will be a wedding of our niece. How time flies! We feel it especially at big events like these. It is also hard to believe this is our seventh year living in Kenya and teaching at St Paul's. Kenya is now our longest field of service (we were in Malawi six years, 90-96 and The Gambia for three years, 2000-03).

Some things you can remember and pray about for Kenya are the following:

- A peaceful campaign for the national referendum on

the draft constitution which will take place Aug 4.

- Continued good rains for the farmers but not too much rain so that there is more flooding in other areas (nearly 100 people have died from flooding in Kenya this year).
- Good intake of new students at both the main Limuru campus and the new Nairobi downtown campus.
- Safety for staff and students as they travel to and from campus (many taking public transport each day).



Rowland Jr. and Jane

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