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April Holidays

A local news report states that the government has announced a new public holiday called the National Relaxation Day “to give hard-working Kenyans a chance to relax and reflect.” But sadly, it was just an April fools!

April is a really busy month in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) calendar. There are Vacation Bible School (VBS) programmes organised for children, and special Easter services followed by the annual gathering of the church for a week of consultation meetings.

The boys are currently on a 3-week holiday from school. Silas is spending his days alternating between sports and screens. But for Aaron, the homework deadlines continue. After being home in March on deputation (which was great), I’m also trying to catch up with assignments – learning about different types of ministries within churches in Kenya.



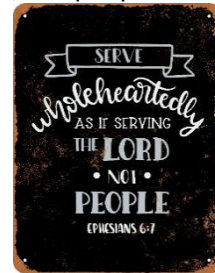
A Unique Ministry

Langata PCEA church holds a yearly seminar for house helps and nannies. These are usually women aged between 20 and 40, who are employed to take care of someone else’s home and their children. Among the practical topics covered, are:

- Training in managing a home
- Communicating with the boss
- Savings & self-care
- Employment laws
- First aid
- Helping children with homework & spiritual lessons

It is amazing to think that 50 women within one congregation look forward to attending this event every year! Within Kenya’s cultural context, almost everyone has a house worker. However, there are difficulties in regulating these informal arrangements, and so issues of mistreatment by employers and employees do arise.

For our family, we’ve been blessed with having Margaret who, for 16 years has faithfully been caring for the boys (she is like an auntie to them) and keeping everything in the house running smoothly. She embraces the wisdom of Ephesians 6:7, to “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people”.



Points for Prayer:

- Pray for the many church events this month, especially the national meeting from 22nd-26th April. Ask that God’s Spirit will be on those who attend it, and many will stop by the TEE department’s exhibition to get information about available resources.
- Thank God for the blessing of Margaret who plays a vital part in our family life and pray for her son and grandchildren who live with her.
- Pray for Thomas and myself as we are having to look for another rental home between now and the end of August. Ask for the right location, price and timing of this move.