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Dear Family and friends,

Upon seeing the python they grabbed their spears and finished off the twenty-one foot critter. It's the Gujils I'm taking about; a feared nomadic tribe not even an hour down the road from here. I've spent the last several months capping two springs with a two mile pipeline to supply clean water for a new S.T.M. station that will minister to the. medical and spiritual needs of these nomads in darkness. With their monkey skin hats, giraffe tail bracelets, and colorful earrings, they helped me and my water teams put in the pipeline. And there it was, not the small garden snakes I used to run over with the lawn mower back home, but a real, down to earth African python. They swallow whole cows! I'm glad I wasn't on his menu that day. But something more exciting happened. As we lived and worked with the godless Gujis, five began to drink the Living Water and were transferred from darkness to light. The power of the gospel through Jesus Christ penetrates and shatters another stronghold of the Evil One.

The power of Jesus also continually shatters the stronghold of doubts the Evil, One continually tries to grip me with. We had had unusually good health in the last months. (Because of your prayers I'm sure). But all in one weeks time. Kara had another bout with Amoeba, Kyle an ear infection (the first since. last July), and Ryan got malaria and tonsillitis at the same time. I know you mothers can empathize with me when I say I was really myself continually checking his temp. We had no idea what it was he had but we knew it was bad because it was the first time he's ever stayed in bed ALL day long. Finally we took him to the Doctor and after several visits and blood tests they found malaria. The first night after someone with malaria takes the medicine, their fever shoots way up. Tylenol didn't even bring it down, so I took the advice of the German Doctor and wrapped his calves in iced water towels, changing them ever * v hour. It works! It brought the fever down 2 degrees. I was literally ENCAMPED around that kid. I had to continual-IV read this Psalm and God met me and showed me Tie understood and cared:

I sought the Lord, and He answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears
The angel of the Lord ENCAMPs around those who fear Him,
and He delivers them. Psalms 34:4-7

We are getting so excited to see you all. If the U.S. is known and of Opportunity', you should hear our kid validating that. . They think there isn't anything you can't get or do there. They've been saving their allowance and tooth-fairy, money and are filled with, "When I get to America, I'm going to get -----
. Kara's promised to buy us all something- especially popsicles!!

She keeps yanking on those bottom teeth saying, "Feel them, I'm sure they're ready to come out!" She wants that tooth fairy money like her brothers!!

We love you and value your involvement with us.....

Bill & Grace