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the Larmey letter

Saying Goodbye

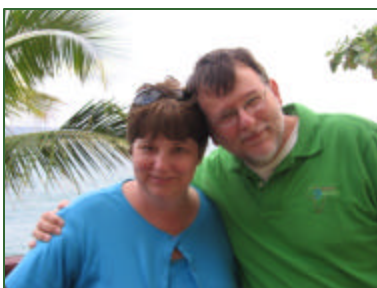


Young Life Staff Member Irene from Tanzania who visited [Crossroads](#) in January is seen here with the Olympic Torch on its recent journey through Africa. Irene, a former Olympic runner is a member of the Tanzanian Olympic Committee.

Saying goodbye is never easy—but the Larmey's left the Evansville and Newburgh area the end of May to accept their next assignment at Young Life Lost Canyon Camp in Arizona.

Upon completing their time in Arizona, they plan on traveling to visit friends before departing to their home in Tanzania. It is difficult for Steve and Dyan to know

where to begin in thanking their church family for all that they have done for them since they have been in the United States... from the receptions, to borrowing vehicles, to finding housing, to providing emotional and spiritual support, to providing the biggest and smallest of things. Continue to pray that their remaining time in the United States is fruitful. Thank you for sharing your lives with the Larmey's, and allowing them to share theirs with you! <><



Trip to Malawi

Young Life Africa Committee members Kevin and Patti French will be leading a trip to Malawi on behalf of Young Life in November. The purpose of the trip will be to encourage Malawi staff and volunteers and to assist in conducting a sports camp for teens.

It will include a stop in Dar es Salaam to visit with the Larmey's and Tanzanian leaders and staff. The trip would be ideal for "couples" who would consider continuing prayer and financial support for Young Life Africa. First-time short-term mission participants would also enjoy the trip.

The trip is being coordinated through Young Life's Expeditions. With the exception of recreational activities, the trip is tax-deductible through Young Life. For more information, contact Kevin and Patti French at kevinFRENCH@africayounglife.com or by calling Kevin at 812/455-4757. <><

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Missions Ministry



Newsletter produced monthly by the Larmey Care Team of **Crossroads Christian Church** of Newburgh, Indiana. Crossroads is one of the Larmey's supporting churches. The goal of the Larmey Care Team is to provide spiritual and emotional support to the family, while informing others of their work for **Young Life** in Africa.

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Finding Jesus at YL Camp

Steve Larmey, Vice President **Young Life** Africa

In Africa this year we will have over 3,000 kids go to camps in 8 different countries. We all know how powerful a camp experience is for a young person in the US. In Africa it is even more powerful. Last year over 50% of the African kids who went to camps accepted Jesus for the first time, over 1,000 kids.

We need your help. The average cost to send a kid to camp is \$65. Our African leaders work on the principle that every kid pays something for camp, but their contribution covers very little of the cost. This year's goal for fundraising for camp is \$180,000. Can you help us?

Perhaps your family or Sunday school class could pay for a whole cabin of kids and their leaders for \$800. Or your prayer group can pay for a kid and his/her leader to go for \$130. Maybe your church or company or your YL region/area or your foundation could cover the cost for an entire camp of 150 kids for \$10,000, or a bus load of kids for \$3,500?



The Story of Wangare Cabin Leader **Matilda**

During camp, when we were at cabin time she told me she HATED Jesus. I was shocked I never heard someone use such a strong word like hate on Jesus, I didn't know where to start talking to this girl, but after cabin time I called her aside and we talked and she shared her story with me.

Her mom was raped and killed just as she had received her salary and she was on her way home when thugs attacked her. Wangare is now in an orphanage with her little brother, because her grandmother could not take care of them. Why is she in an orphanage? Why didn't God save her mother from death? Their mother was a single parent, and she was only 9 years old.

I hugged her and gave her the story of how Mary mother of God saw her son being crucified on the cross but there was nothing she could do. These are the plans of our creator who decides what is to happen, so I told her to thank God for what happened to pray for her mom's family. This little girl accepted Christ after camp. <>

We had many incredible stories from camps last year: a former child soldier from Liberia who accepted Jesus at camp last year leading some other former child soldiers to Jesus this year at camp; 400 Zimbabwean kids, some walking for 15 miles barefoot, came to camp sleeping on the floor of a local elementary school having the best week of their lives. Over 300 stood up at Say-So (accepting Jesus as their savior); over 50 Muslim kids from Ethiopia decided to follow Jesus at camp and are currently active in campaigners (Bible study). In Nairobi, Kenya, soccer was the focus of a day camp where kids played soccer by day and had club and cabin time every afternoon. Our leader in Nairobi, James Kamau, shared that they had dozens of teen moms who were trapped in a terrible poverty/prostitution cycle come to the camp, mainly to have a free lunch.

A story of one of these girls is told by her cabin leader **Matilda Kiumba**. <>

How you can support camping in Africa this year:

Make checks payable to **Young Life** and write XR104-6255 in the memo.

Mail your checks to:

Young Life Service Center

c/o Barb Salvino

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If you prefer to give with a credit card or bank transfer, please email Barb at bsalvino@sc.younglife.org

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