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### HELPING CHURCHES HELP THE POOR.

I recently finished my first term of teaching at Pan Africa Christian University(PAC). There are three terms per year in Kenya with a three week gap between each term. It has been a full term. I taught four courses: Greek, Principles of Teaching(2

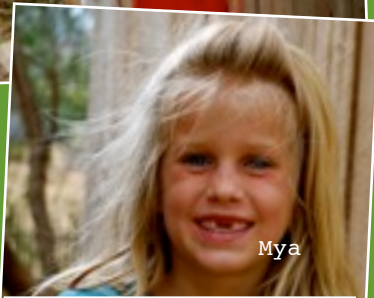
classes), a graduate course called Leadership and Culture and I supervised three Master's thesis. The goal of PAC is transformation through training. As I work with students, I feel incredibly privileged. Many of these students have overcome insurmountable obstacles in order to attend PAC. Some have lost both of

their parents at an early age. Some have grown up on garbage dumps. They aim to return to their communities and make a difference. They are being trained to consider others better than themselves. They are being trained as servant leaders so that they will be willing to lay down their lives for the benefit of others.

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Zach



Mya



Silas



Ivy

## April's here, birthday cheer!

Three of the four children celebrate birthdays at the end of April. Zach turns 9 and he enjoys his grade 3 class. Mya turns 7 and just finished her first book about a King who loses his jewel. Silas turns 5 and loves to explore the PAC campus. Ivy(2) started potty-training and we are glad!

## A Leadership Crisis.

The trouble with Africa, someone has said, is simply and squarely a failure of leadership. There is nothing radically wrong with the African character. There is nothing wrong with the African land or climate or water or anything else. The African problem is the unwillingness or inability of its leaders to rise to the responsibility, to the challenge of leading by example. This is the hallmark of true leadership.

In Kenya, we have witnessed much that makes us lose our patience. We deal with poor customer service at stores, overlapping matatus on the roads and bribe-seeking police officers pulling over cars. But the most troubling sight is the failure of leadership. A small elite use their leadership positions to great personal advantage. At their disposal are thousands of connections, positions and appointments with which they could make a real difference. Instead, they use these positions of influence for personal profit. They select projects, appoint government posts and reward contracts not based on merit but on personal ties. There is a culture of corruption in Kenya.

How does one turn the tide? How can one make a long-term difference in this kind of environment? There must be transformation at

the leadership level. Leaders must begin to think beyond today and give consideration to the future---they must create a better world for the generations of tomorrow. This is the biggest challenge for African leaders.

Pan Africa Christian University's vision is to create godly, christian leaders. The school exists to develop leaders who want to serve their communities. It aims to create a leader who has an eternal perspective. This kind of leader is not only concerned about meeting immediate needs but is also focused on the needs of people who haven't even been born yet. If this world is all there is, then it is survival of the strongest. But, if it is true that in Jesus Christ, God became man and gave his life to redeem this world, then it changes everything. Leaders who believe this can give their lives away to serve the poor, the weak and the marginalized.

In the last three months, we have met some gifted, servant leaders. These young students are passionate and they know the purpose God has for their lives. They will have a long-term impact as they serve God in some of the most broken and hopeless slums in Kenya.

Together, we are having a long-term impact on Africa. The effects of our will multiply and continue on long after we have gone.



**Thanks for your support. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we train and equip the next generation of African leaders.**

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