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Why did God make Mothers?

She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
Mostly to clean the house.
To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make Mothers?

He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
God make my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

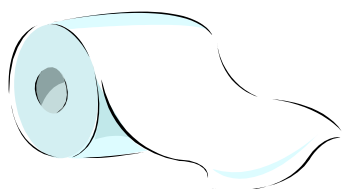
What ingredients are Mothers made of?

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world,
and one dab of mean.
They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Answers given by 2nd grade school children
Submitted by Mary Rufenacht

Greetings from the Mennonite Women:

This has been a busy month for us trying to finish quilting the quilt for Black Swamp Auction. I would especially like to thank all the ladies who so graciously gave of their time and talents.



The Sparrows nest is our project for the month of May. Housing so many women, they have a great need for toilet tissue. Starting in May we will have containers set out for that purpose your help will be appreciated. Thank you & may God Bless as we continue to think of those who need out help.

Ev Wyse President of Mennonite Women

Foods Resource Bank Burger Bash- Ruidley Park

Sunday, May 15th you can help world missions and enjoy a good burger at the same time! If you'll plan to attend the Community Burger Bash in Archbold's Ruidley Park pavilion on **Sunday, May 15th between 11 and 1**, you can eat well and make a difference half way around the world. It's a free-will donation for a picnic-style lunch with burgers by Brookview.



Your generous donation goes directly to Foods Resource Bank to fund a project selected by our local participants. Local cattle feeders, with generous support of donations of grain and cash, feed a pen of 25 steers and sell them

each year with all proceeds going to the international project. In just seven years over

\$195,000 has been sent from this one community mission project to directly impact lives of villagers in remote areas of Africa. Come join your neighbors and friends to be a part of this life-changing outreach.

3/25-3PM Greetings all, Well, where do I begin. It was a very emotional take off as I said goodbye to my wife and daughter, but I was ready to get stated. What a friend in Michael Harding (dear friend) for traveling down surprising me and doing the approach trail with me. (8.8 miles). That was a 17.6 miles for him, because he had to hike back. That's a friend right there. Had rain the first night, but nothing seriously got wet. To date I have hiked over 75 miles and not looking back. I have picked up two hiking buddies, Breeze and Mellow. We have been together since the second day. They are a lot younger than myself, but that doesn't seem to be a problem. We were on the top of blue mountain night before last and got caught in a very nasty wind storm and rain as well. All in all we survived OK. Mellow's tent blew down twice in the night. Came into town today for the first time. Hitched a ride or should i say begged for a ride. Staying at the Hiawasse Inn in Hiawasse, GA. They are great here a room for \$22.00 including a load of laundry. Took a shower and feel great did my laundry and went to subway and inhaled a 12" sub. Heading to the grocery store in a while to re-supply. The motel will shuttle us back to the trail head tomorrow at 8:30am. I am somewhat of a minority on the trail, We all are hiking our own hike. We're only 7.6 miles from the North Carolina border. We'll hit that tomorrow. Long climb up the way it sounds.

Well, thanks for everyone's kindness and peace until next time.

3/28 -10:421AM life is very wet right now, came into Franklin, NC to dry out. will be spending the night. things are going fine as long

as we can keep our camp clothes dry. we lost mellow. it is just breeze and myself now. the weather doesn't sound to great for the next few days but will make the best of it. we are waiting on our room to be cleaned so I thought I would drop all a line. hoping to make the Smokies by this Friday. I will type more later as I am wet and cold right now.

3.28 Well I am back, it is 8:00pm and it has been a very relaxing yet hectic day. equipment is dried out and I have made some equipment repairs. we have dined in two very nice restaurants today. it is amazing how my appetite has grown in just a week. one restaurant gave us our meals 1/2 price with free dessert. the hospitality of these trail towns is amazing. every one is so good to the thru hikers. tomorrow is suppose to be a nice day so we are going to attempt a 22+ mile day. they are calling for rain wed thru Friday. we hope to be at Fontana Dam Friday and enter the Smokies either Friday afternoon or Sat. morning. The rain is very discouraging yet while we are hiking we are ok. it is just when we stop we get cold. as long as we can keep our camp clothes dry we are ok. so far this trip is everything I thought it would be and more. I may be in contact this Friday if not it will be another 6 days after that. it will take 5 to 6 days to get thru the Smokies. thanks to all for following along. till next time.

Greetings to all,

4/5/2011 1:08 PM Well I made it to Fontana Dam. That is 164.2 miles from the start of the trail. It is the 1st mile stone I had set for myself. I endured 9 days of rain out of 13. It is with great disappointment my dream has been cut short. My brother Tim came to

Fontana Dam Village, NC *Page 3*
and picked me up. I am already at home with my lovely wife. My journey was short lived, but I have no regrets. I prepared and trained for this for a long time and things just didn't come together as I had hoped. I could give a thousand excuses, but that just wouldn't be fair to you or myself. I am proud of myself for at least trying and that is what is most important to me. I would just like to take the time and thank everyone for your support and prayers. It means a lot knowing I had so many kind people supporting me back here at home. It was a great journey and I met some great people. I may not have fulfilled my dream, but I tried, and maybe someday I will go back and try again. I would really like to take a moment and thank my wife (Joy). She has listened to me for countless hours and watched as I bought gear only to test it and go buy something else because I didn't like the way it functioned. Not a word did she say to me. She did nothing but give me the support and love that a wife gives. I am the luckiest man alive. I have more dreams that I wish to try and I plan on trying them. I want to live life and that is exactly what I plan to do. So our dreams don't always work out the way we had hoped, that doesn't mean we should stop dreaming. If there is one thing I can take away from my experience it would be that this is a great country we live in and the people of the south can give us all a lesson in hospitality. In the few towns I visited while on the AT the people treated me like I was their best friend or family. Their generosity was like nothing I have ever experienced in my life. Thanks again for supporting me.

Rick Kauzlick

Fun Facts about our Outreach Location (Kenya)

April 11, 2011

1. It is very hot, all the time. Some of the locals consider the nights to feel cold yet we find ourselves sweating in bed.
2. There are perhaps three trash cans throughout Malindi. Everything else is left on the ground.
3. Chau is Italian for hello. We get this greeting every time we step outside our front gate.
4. The most available soccer ball is a collection of plastic bags bundled up into a tight net.
5. The cheapest cellphone plan is available at 10 shillings a month, or \$0.125 cents a month!
6. To our utter dismay Kenya has not one single American fast food chain! BK where are you!
7. Despite the very hot weather Kenyans prefer hot drinks. Their favorite being Chai Tea. Served throughout the day. Simply lifting the cup towards ones mouth induces immediate sweet.
8. Malindi is currently in the low season for tourism so Nick and I have become prime targets when walking through town. Also: Starring is not considered offensive. Double also: White colored skin often brings little children to tears when they are first exposed to it.
9. "Uggi" or Kenyan porridge is served very generously and on a daily basis.
10. We are baffled at how many Kenyans, although having lived along the coast most or all of their lives, do not know how to swim. Also many prefer to buy fish imported from Lake Victoria which is clear across the country.

Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in this city

April 21, 2011

As we enter into the fifth week of outreach here in Malindi, Kenya we have found ourselves knowing almost every nook and cranny possible in this desert oasis. One thing that we have found very helpful is the openness of the community and their welcoming spirit. Kiraho Center has quickly become a favorite location as we have risen to celebrity status with all of the children. We have been asked (from the teams themselves) to coach both the Kiraho Football Club (KFC) and the Kid-stars. These two teams are cross-town rivals, and one of our goals as a team is to show them a contagious love for each other and for the community.

This Sunday we will be having our first bible study with the youth from Malindi Mennonite as well as anyone else that is interested. Please keep this time in your prayers as we embark on a journey from Genesis to Revelations throughout these next 10 weeks.

We also would like to ask for prayers in God's guidance as we are seeking to find more outreach plans for this Coastal Region of Kenya. We have entered into the rainy season here in Eastern Africa and for the Coastal Region (especially the tourist heavy cities) this is a very low season for business. Most of the hotels are closed and the money flow in this area of Malindi is especially low.

Last night our shoes were stolen from behind our locked front gate and this raises a wonderful opportunity to bless these individuals who have stolen our shoes. We would like to request a shower of prayers to go out to these individuals that our shoes would be a blessing to them and their families.

I (Nick) would also like to request prayers for this Sunday, for the Holy Spirit to flow through every word as I am giving the message at Malindi Mennonite. My prayer is that God truly blesses each and every one of you as we share Jesus to the world! My home church (West Clinton Mennonite) has a sign above the door that reads "You are now entering your mission field", I would love to place that sign above every door in the entire world. Lets share our love for Jesus to the world, and yes, this even means our loud neighbors

Have a wonderful day!

The Past Few Weeks..

Winding down. I can't believe we are in our final three weeks. We are in the process of planning goodbyes, wrapping up classes and giving away our things. Our past weeks have been sort of uneventful (except for the trip to the Islands which you can read my take of them on the blog). Since school has started up for the kids, we have less friends at our house and less kids out and about on Tenglo Island.

On Saturdays we go to Tenglo Island to work with upkeep for the property that EMM owns. There are apple trees, mora (blackberry) and morta bushes (I have never heard of this berry before here, but Lanae says it tastes like Christmas). We spend the morning helping kids with English homework, then work for awhile picking fruit, then have a meal with the care keepers, Eliana and Ricardo. The most recent time, we made Empanadas de Manzana (Apple Empanadas) with the apples we picked. Only two kids came, so we didn't get much work done, but we enjoyed hanging out with the kids anyways.

Thursday nights Janine and I go to Alerce. First, we go to the pastor's homes and help his kids and anyone else who shows up with their English homework. I usually bring some candy from our house to entice the kids because their homework is anything but easy, and they are anything but learning. But of course the candy helps. After that, we go to a girl's home in another part of Alerce. This girl's name is Tona. Quick side story: "Watona" in Chile means "little fat girl." When Tona was little, she was a Watona, and so as she grew, her nick-

name became Tona. Can you imagine this in the United States? "Oh when I was little I was fat so they called me fatty. Now my name is just Atty!" Just a very different aspect of our culture. Anyways, Tona is a first year university student. She is studying to be an English teacher and is doing very well. We spend the time conversing in simple English and trying to explain the complicated rules of the English language. The first time we met with Tona, she told us her story of how she came to know the Lord just a few months back. A man came to her house and prayed with them. She was kneeling on the floor praying and God began to give her visions. When they ended, she was still kneeling on the floor four hours later. Since then, God has revealed much to her in the spiritual realm. Her grandmother makes us tea and pancito (bread with jam or honey), and we sit and talk. Her Grandmother made the most incredible empanadas we have ever had. We just sit and socialize, enjoying the food and hospitality. This is a part of the Chilean culture that I admire.

The long-term missionaries that worked with the rowing club and Bible study have recently ended their term with EMM and have returned to the states. Their prayers were that the Bible study would continue without them. Last week was our first one with the absence of Sarah and Dustin. The president of the rowing club took charge. We had just finished 1 Corinthians and so they needed a new book to study. They discussed it, and decided on 2 Corinthians without any of our input. We were so excited. The first study of 2 Corinthians 1 was a

huge success. They discussed about the Holy Spirit, comforting others and pain in life. We were so happy after the study because we had barely done anything to lead the study, and they were taking initiative. This week after reading the second chapter, we also read about the death of Jesus in honor of Easter. There was a solemn atmosphere as we read about the death of our Savior. They are planning to have a get together on Tenglo on Good Friday to celebrate further.

More news on the rowing club, Michelle and Lanae, the two rowers in our team, were invited to participate in a race on our last weekend here. They are really excited about it and so are Janine and I. They are going to be in a quadruple boat with two other beginners participating in the race for novices. Two of the other people in the Bible study will also be rowing this day, so it will be very fun to watch them race also. Yoya Bustos Jara will be participating to try out for the national Chile Rowing team.

Prayer Requests:

- that the race opens doors for sharing Christ.
- closure as we say Goodbye
- a place for the Rowing Bible Study to meet after we leave.
- that the rowing Bible study continues as we leave
- that lives are touched through my painting presentation at Alerce Church on Sunday

I also just got an overwhelming love for all of you who read my updates. So thanks guys and I love you!

Sarah Aeschliman