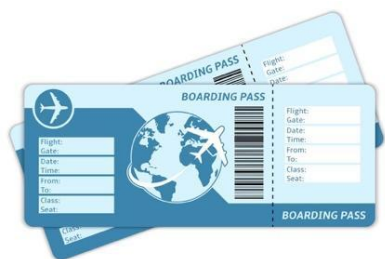




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On May 4th Tammy had a post-op appointment with her surgeon and was told her partial thyroid surgery was successful, and we were given the green light to return to Kenya sometime in late June/early July after her recovery and follow-up tests. Her appointment was over at 10:00 AM and we were emailing our travel agent at 10:15 AM! Due to having humanitarian tickets we are limited on what flights we are eligible for. We are happy to report that we were able to get the last 2 tickets available and will be leaving for

Kenya on July 16th!! Thank you for your prayers, cards, and gifts. Your concern for Tammy has meant so much to us. We would appreciate your continued prayers for her non-Hodgkin Lymphoma to stay in remission.

I (Tammy) echo the words of King David found in Psalm 40:5 – *“Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.”* The Lord was so kind to guide us to a surgeon at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Chen was an excellent surgeon and I received top-notch care at the hospital. After surgery the nurses in the recovery room were wonderful and very attentive. The Lord was so kind to have us in a hospital where it felt more like home with all the African-American staff. Many of them wore caps that were made from an African material called “kitenge.” For the past 25+ years I have seen this fabric adorn many a Kenyan/Tanzanian. As I was being wheeled outside to meet Bill with the car, I commented to one of the nurses that I liked her kitenge cap. Little did I know that that would spark a gospel conversation (something I had been praying for prior to going to the hospital). The lady wheeling me out asked how I knew what kitenge fabric is. I explained that we have lived in East Africa for over 25 years. She then told me that she is Somalian but grew up in Kenya and Uganda. I began speaking to her in Swahili, as best I could considering I had just come out of anesthesia! Once we got outside, I saw Pastor and Mrs. Cunningham. She took me over to them and I introduced her by saying, “They drove all the way from Tennessee to be with me and my husband during my surgery. They have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus!” That opened the door for me to ask her if she knows Jesus. She proceeded to tell me that she is Muslim and believes Jesus is a prophet. I then shared that I have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In fact, we just celebrated Jesus’s resurrection – He is no longer dead but alive! I asked if there was something I could pray for her about. Her face lit up and she was incredulous that I would pray for her. I offered to pray for her right then, but she was hesitant with so many people around. I assured her that I would be praying for her. Before she left Pastor Cunningham handed her a gospel tract. I am praying that one day I will see Rahela in heaven!