



## Monday Matters

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### **The Day In The Life Of A Missionary**

I've known Cindi Mendoza for several years. We worked in a Christian organization together and we often talked about life and how we prayed for God to be our focus as we lived life each day...a challenging but fulfilling life. So, it does not surprise me that this woman with great faith (of course, this humble woman would not say she has great faith) has followed God's call to help and rescue and spiritually feed precious children in Kenya, Africa. Cindi relates busy moments of her day...

*Today started with a rush. Babies needing changing, company, workers arriving at the house. There are four adult guests primarily from Scandinavia and one sick child from the neighboring children's home staying at the house, plus two babies.*

*We leave and head to the downtown.*

*Two more school children are sick with 104 fever. The children sleep at a neighboring children's home because we do not yet have boarding facilities. We still need beds, mattresses, sheets, and the plumbing fixed. All the children have worms and a bacterial infection due to the unclean water that*



### **Cindi's Hope Vacation Bible School 2012**

#### **About Cindi**

Cindi's family moved to Kenya in 2006 and served in varying capacities with schools in the Nairobi area. In 2011, the Lord connected Cindi and Mama Philip. Mama Philip and Cindi shared the

they drink there. One of the sick girls is HIV+ and we need to get her the ARVs plus antibiotics for the deepening infection.



In the meantime, the "sister" of one of the new staff is found at the property. She was given permission to stay one night with the brother because they had gotten kicked out of their home. They were jobless before the brother came to work as a guard at the school.

She is asked to help with cleaning and general duties. I then assign her to sickbay since we now have three children needing medication and care. The head teacher notices that the "sister", Karen, is moving very slowly and not really working. She discerns she is sick also and asks if I can send her to the "clinic" for a typhoid and malaria test. I agree. When the head teacher comes back, she tells me Karen is 3 months pregnant and her shoes are also broken. I send her to the doctor and to the market to get shoes. She arrives late in the evening with extremely high typhoid reading, antibiotics, and new sandals. Now the adult who was to take care of the sick children is sick herself.

We go through a myriad of demands for the department of Education and Health wondering how we can accommodate them and pay all the fees. The health department demands a chimney though we cook with gas. For a mere \$500 we can bribe the official and get the permit without the chimney. I do not want to bribe and don't know how we will get the permit.

We have a "knock" on the gate. It is the electric company coming to disconnect. The previous tenants had an outstanding bill of over \$1,000. We are told to pay or be disconnected. We had gone to the electric company the week before to set up our own account. We were told that the owner was to clear the bill first. Well, the previous tenants had moved out in February and we don't know where they are. We don't know who they are or how to contact them. The electric company doesn't care and shuts us off. We have four days to figure out a plan.

It's now 3:30pm and I need to leave as I had dropped one of the guests off before coming to the

same vision and passion for rescuing girls and was doing just that in Kerugoya. (90 minutes outside of Nairobi). As Cindi and Mama Philip began to gain a reputation for rescuing girls in need, more and more girls were being referred to them since they rescued, fed, housed, and cared for them. Cindi's Hope is the only one in the surrounding areas (county) that specifically assists little girls who have been sexually abused. To contact Cindi, visit her website at:

[www.cindis-hope.org](http://www.cindis-hope.org)

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*school and was to pick her up at 3pm. But, as I am about to leave, two of the Scandinavian girls bring in 6 slightly used mattresses! Yeah!! Donations!!!*

*We all tromp back through the slum to get to where I parked the car, happy that one of the sick little girls is playing and smiling, two are on medication and we have a plan on how we can assist the others for today... for tonight.*

*We are in the car sitting in traffic, trying to pick up the other guest... it is about 4pm. A thief reaches through the window and attempts to steal my phone out of my hand. The girls scream and push my hand down as the thief walks away empty handed and a car full of women try to get their wits back. I praise Jesus that He keeps me.... Oh, Lord, more today?*

*I am finally able to get to Sue at 5pm, well past 3pm. We have one more stop as we have to drop her visa information off because it expires on Sunday and then she will be illegal in the country. We maneuver through traffic ... dropping paperwork, organizing for tomorrow's trip to immigration and an unexpected child protection meeting for me at 9am.... We arrive home at 8pm to two little girls being bottle fed by my faithful house staff. ... I am not looking forward to the night feedings as the girls finally nod off for the night at 11pm. ... up at 3:30 and 5am for feedings and finally trying to run around at 7am to get to the meeting at 9am across town.*

*Well, that is just yesterday. Just a crazy day!!!*

by Cindi Murphy-Mendoza  
as told to Linda J. Nelson



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