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June Newsletter



Under His wings, I am safely abiding.

Hallelujah! Marilyn and Ivan arrived on the 24th of May. They were safe and we thought sound.

Though the night deepens and the tempests are wild.

When Marilyn entered the states, her purpose was to find out what was causing her vertigo and treat it and get better in a month. The medical doctors say there is nothing that can be done, you just have to wait it out as it heals itself. So she has been seeing medical doctors, chiropractors, and physical therapists every week for this past month and is making remarkable progress. She is not over it but it 80% back to normal. We hope she is careful during this muddy rainy season in Kenya.

As those early days progressed, both started feeling not up to par. After Ivan staying with Sandy Binotto, Debbie Seldomridge, Karl Barth, and Keplingers, we realized that he was really ill. After preaching at Avery, he collapsed in the minister's office. Thank goodness he was in Morgantown. God had a plan. Ivan was taken to the emergency room and tested and treated at the tropical disease center and sent home with Sandy Binotto. And the following Tuesday he had to be taken to Morgantown again. An IV and more blood tests showed that he had brought with him a case of malaria. He was treated and released and went on to Annual Conference. We are so thankful to the good Lord for his complete recovery.



Still I can trust Him, I know He will keep me.

Ivan was a hit at Burlington Methodist Children's Home. He gave a great testimony and preaching about his life as an orphan (and street kid). His story of how he came to Christ humbled us all. The residents at the Children's Home can relate to Ivan's struggle and unite in Ivan's firm faith in Jesus Christ.



Often when earth has no balm for my healing, there I find comfort and there I am blessed.

If ever a high school student could touch the hearts of many, Ivan did it at this year's Annual Conference at West Virginia Wesleyan in Buckhannon. He spoke with a powerful conviction and bold assurance on Saturday. Many said he was the hit of the conference. His preaching was superb. Living Hope students, faculty, and sponsors are so proud that Ivan could come and be so impressive as a young Christian witness.



Under His wings, oh what precious enjoyment,

Oh course, while here he has not only toured the sights of West Virginia thanks to Monica and Mark Hatfield in Charleston, but he has also learned to eat American food. If you ask Ivan, he'll say his favorite is McDonald's French fries. Now he's eating anything and everything. He's an always hungry teenage boy.



There will I hide, till life's trials are over.

After driving about 3,000 miles under the Lord's protection, we will be ending Ivan's visit by worshipping and leading hundreds of West Virginia Methodist Youth at Rally on the Mountain in Canaan Valley for a week. After at least five dinners given in his honor and visiting with thousands of people, he will end his visit knowing that he has accomplished his task of being a bold witness for Jesus Christ.



Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me. Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.

Marilyn and Ivan will leave on the 28th with our prayers and good wishes (and with hearts strangely warmed).

*Bwana asifiwe!
In Christ, Helen*