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Dear friends,

Our time in the US was good and at times refreshing. We did lots of things on our to-do list and several things we had no intention of doing (caring for a broken arm). So many of our friends and family affirmed us in the work we are doing and expressed interest in partnering with us in unique and creative ways. There were sweet times of encouragement and equally sweet times of sharing the burdens we sometimes face as we live and work in a challenging environment. We are thankful for all of it.

At the end of our stay, after an already exhausting additional month of on-the-road partnership recruitment, we faced a great deal of disappointment and discouragement. As we left the US our baggage was much, both literally and emotionally. God knew we needed encouragement and that's what we got shortly after arriving in Kenya.

The American Cancer Society (who has visited Joanna's House in Nairobi) has partnered with KENCO (Kenya Network of Cancer Organizations) to offer an amazing training package for organizations like ours. Regardless of how established and formalized the organization, ACS will help us all move in the direction needed to access grants and be recognized by authoritative bodies like the Ministry of Health. We have passed the assessment stage and trainings will begin in July.



Emily, Dan and KENCO leadership.



Emily with Josephine, her age-mate, cancer survivor, and founder of Breast Cancer Kenya.

Our sincerest thanks to all of you for your support and love, may God richly bless you.

The Okalls.