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I've posted a new update. God has plopped new plans for my spring break in my lap and that's what I wrote about today. There have been so many things going on in the last few weeks, and I hope to get around to writing it all out soon, so keep checking for new posts over the next week or so. Somehow, I seem to be unable to be brief, so thank you for patiently perusing my writings. Here's the link once again: <http://juliawolters.blogspot.com/>

If you get a chance, I'd love to hear a bit about your life as well. Thank you to those of you who faithfully respond with a short update about yourselves. I enjoy staying connected with you.

Blessings,  
Julia

-Kenya...

God never disregards even the most "unofficial" words we offer up in conversation to Him. Each year BFA offers various mission trips for the students to have their own missions experience. I've participated in 2 trips during my 6 years at BFA. I remember throwing out the thought to God in November when the trips were announced that if He wanted me on a trip, He would have to ask me specifically. Well, I didn't sign up for one and had no intentions of going this year. . . that is until 3 weeks ago.

In a matter of 24 hours, all 3 of the leaders for the Kenya trip approached me about joining them on the trip because one of the female leaders could no longer go. Having typed up the team lists a few weeks earlier, I remembered thinking. . . "that Kenya team looks like a lot of fun ." Well, between feeling drawn to the team, it only costing 300 Euros, God reminding me that I had agreed to go if He asked me, and all 3 leaders approaching me to go, I knew this was an opportunity created by Him.

The last 2 weeks have been very full, as I will explain in following posts, and I am currently playing "catch-up". So, I am only beginning to have the capacity to even start thinking about this trip. I know God has planned for me to go on this trip and has specifically placed me on the team. Please pray with me as I anticipate how God desires to use me in the lives of those I interact with on the team. Pray that I will have the capacity to love and invest in the 20 kids who are part of the team. Pray that I will have the energy and wisdom to contribute well as a leader. Pray that the students on the trip will be impacted in regards to the depth of their own faith. Pray also that the students will hear the Holy Spirit's calling during this time. Lastly, pray for the people we will be ministering to.

The trip will involve helping at an orphanage and at a school. My group will be interacting with 40 Kenyan kids from the ages of 3-8 and with another 20 teenagers that are associated with the school. The other half of the team will be assisting at the orphanage throughout the week. Click on the links to see the websites for these organizations: [Helping Hands school](#) and [House of Hope Orphanage](#).

Despite my spring break plans not including a mission trip and me never expecting God to actually ask me to go on a trip, I'm grateful that He has a plan bigger than my own.

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Prov. 19:21 (NIV)