

Mission Moment



The purpose of the Mission Moment:

- *To increase awareness of our missions to the LCVH church family.*
- *To inspire greater participation by our congregation in these missions.*
- *To invite prayer petitions on behalf of these missions.*
- *To thank God for the privilege to partner in missions.*

This week's spotlight...

THE SHIRK FAMILY

David, Arianna, Madeline and Annabelle are our adopted medical missionaries.

From the time she was a little girl, Arianna wanted to serve as a doctor in Africa. Medical dreams however, require a lot of school and the next 12 years were filled with medical school at Wake Forest University, a pediatrics residency, a chief resident year, and a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

While at UAB, the Shirks called LCVH their church home. During this time, the LCVH church family eagerly welcomed establishing support for the Shirks and their calling to Africa.

The Shirks serve at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kenya.

Arianna cares for little ones in the Pediatric ICU, wards, and NICU and trains the newest generation of Kenyan doctors and physician assistants during their rotations at the hospital. She is working to co-found the first pediatric emergency medicine and critical care fellowship in East Africa. David serves in Resource Mobilization for the hospital. His work is made up of a combination of storytelling, photography, and donor relations. It's a perfect fit after years as an artistic small business owner. Their daughters, Madeline ('05) and Annabelle ('08), love attending school at Rift Valley Academy.

LCVH supports this ministry two-fold: 1) Personal support for the Shirks 2) Providing, as the Lord allows, for the operation of the hospital.