

# Congratulations

on graduating from RVA

## Miriam

### Life is Like Climbing

Some days you make it up a route  
Other times you hang more than you climb  
Occasionally your belayer hauls you up  
But it is not the sends or falls that count  
It is the vertical dance on the rock  
The learning of skyward movement  
Returning to the same route over and over  
Watching and learning from others  
Finding trustworthy and fun-loving belayers  
May you have the courage for life's routes  
May you dance skyward well  
May you send life's hardest routes  
May you find trustworthy and fun-loving friends  
Climb On



Video highlights of Miriam's graduation: [cox-net.com/mec\\_grad.html](http://cox-net.com/mec_grad.html)

## TOP TEN THANKFUL LIST

**TEN** God's providence and leading in our lives. Often we have said that the path we are on is not the one we would have chosen, this is especially true this past year. Although we are thankful for where and how God has led us. Leaving Kenya was not in our plan, but we are confident it was God's plan.

**NINE** A beautiful house in a nice neighborhood. Getting our home required a small miracle and a seller that was more interested in helping a missionary family than making a profit.

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## TOP TEN THANKFUL LIST CONTINUED

**EIGHT** All three Cox kids are in university/college, involved with church, working and we are not too broke ... yet.

**SEVEN** Donna finding a job that matches her expertise, provides additional income and great health insurance.

**SIX** Miriam's decision to take a three month mission trip to Zambia early in 2019.

**FIVE** God's provision of used affordable vehicles.

**FOUR** Writing portion of Paul's dissertation is complete and now in the editing process.



**THREE** Opportunity for Paul to keep teaching at Africa Theological Seminary in Kenya. He made two eight week trips to Kenya in 2018 to teach. Here are some links to videos from his classes:  
[cox-net.com/apologetics\\_class\\_2018a.html](http://cox-net.com/apologetics_class_2018a.html)  
[cox-net.com/2018\\_eog.html](http://cox-net.com/2018_eog.html)

**TWO** Miriam graduating from Rift Valley Academy in July.

**AND THE NUMBER ONE THING WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:** Faithful friends and supporters like you who partner with us in developing the next generation of African leaders.

## WHAT IS AHEAD FOR 2019

In 2019 Paul hopes to visit many of our supporting churches, thank them for their support and share how God is currently leading us.

We are very grateful for Donna's job, however, 2019 will bring a time of prayer and seeking as to whether the Lord will have Donna continue as is, make adjustments to the current situation or if God has something else for her.

Given that all the editing and reviewing of Paul's dissertation proceeds without too many delays, he will graduate in May.

As mentioned in the top 10 list, Miriam heads to Zambia for a three week mission trip early in 2019. Nehemiah and Micah Joy will be continuing with school and work.

Part of Paul's responsibility now that he is based in the USA, is doing development for ATS. Now that his PhD is close to complete, Paul will start focusing on this task. More will be coming on this later. However, if you are interested in learning more about ATS, taking a mission trip to assist ATS, teaching at ATS, scholarships for students or supporting staff, please let Paul know.

**GET INVOLVED WITH THE COX FAMILY.**

**PRAY - SIGN UP - ENCOURAGE - GIVE**

Enclosed is a response card with more details on getting involved with the Cox family.

In addition, one can visit:

[www.cox-net.com/get\\_involved](http://www.cox-net.com/get_involved)

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