

Greetings,

We are the Burger family (Vernon, Amber, Titus, Justus, Rahama, and Silas). Thank you so much for coming to this beautiful house. Although our time here has been short, we have enjoyed it deeply.

I wanted to take time to give you some details on why we are moving back to Kansas City, MO. Over two years ago we started the adoption process for our daughter, Rahama. We have been working in Sudan/South Sudan for 20 years, especially among vulnerable women and children, along with orphans.

Rahama's parents were both killed with machete's (Rahama was tied to her mom's back) when rebels invaded their family area. Rahama suffered cuts on her head, chin, and face. We were able to get her to a hospital soon enough and miraculously there were no broken bones. She immediately came into our orphan care.

Over the course of these two years we have gone through all of the paperwork processing, which started while we were living in Kansas City, MO. Once we finished the US side of paperwork, we were free to move back down to TX (we had lived here for 15 years before).

I (Vernon) was told by the US Embassy in Kenya (you process South Sudan adoptions through Kenya) that I had all of my paperwork and could come for the visa interview because everything was in order. To my total surprise when Rahama and I were being interviewed the interviewer said she wanted one more piece of paperwork and she denied our visa. I was stunned and grieving.

In the face of this, the US Embassy in Kenya turned our paperwork back to the US, which in turn reset our case according to our Missouri paperwork. So, we had to make the choice to either start everything over here in TX which would have made our case extend 1-1.5 years minimum or we could move back to Missouri and have our process streamlined. We chose to move back.

I felt like it was only right that you knew our situation and circumstance. We know that if you choose this home, you will enjoy it immensely. We never saw our time in TX coming to an end in this way, but we trust we are making the right decision.

Sincerely,

The Burger Family