



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

January 2014

Hi Friends,

The first month of 2014 is done...I pray the Lord is pleased with what has been done for His glory. Tammy and I pray each morning for "God's will to be done". I am sort of a stickler on that since I want Him to know all I desire is His will be done, no matter what that is or what the cost. As I go about each day I pray many times, usually surrounding His will being done. When I wake, before I get out of bed, I thank Him for the breath I am taking so I can serve Him again another day. When I am about to speak to someone I ask Him to give me the words He wants me to speak so they will be encouraged to serve Him and see His Son. As I go through the day with the work we do I pray it will honor Him and it will be in the middle of His will and what He wants done. When we sit to eat we thank Him for the food since it gives us the strength to continue to serve. When the day is ending I pray my actions today were as close to His will as they could be and if I strayed off the "narrow path" He bring me back to where I should be by the strength of His Spirit so I can serve Him more fully tomorrow. I realize Jesus knows everything that has happened, is happening, and will happen in the next second, minute, hour, day, year...on to eternity. So, I simply ask Him that my actions be within His will and not outside. I don't need to "create" something He has not ordained...simply stay within the parameters He has set for my life. I pray He give me the desires of my heart only as they become one with His...any desires I have outside of His are worthless to me since He is my Lord and God.

I pray in all you do the will of God is your primary motivation of doing what you are doing. I pray you continue to die to self and He become the reason for your existence. I pray you will hear "Well done good and faithful servant" when you meet Him. I pray you take time to know what His will is for you and your life. I assure you if you truly believe what you profess as a follower of Jesus, you will yearn to be in His will and move quickly when you are convicted you are not...come Lord Jesus...we wait for You....Your will be done.

January has been a month of work...and a month of waiting...both teach us valuable lessons. We have been working hard during January with the faithful funding you have provided. We have completed an addition to the dorm rooms so we could handle more children. We have been working on the south well stand so we can consider building a secondary school there in the future and the well can produce water for the farm. We have been working on completing the animal shelter so we can bring in the animals which will enhance the kids diet and bring in revenue for the children's home, and we have been working on the mission home upper floor which will be a study area, meeting hall, play area, projection room, Bible study area and a place to hold church service...I tell you a lot has been going on. This has kept us busy (hopefully not too busy), but there has also been something over our heads which we continue, as of this writing, to wait upon...this is the renewal of our permits. This is where my faith allows me to work unceasingly for the Lord, even though at any moment we may find out we must leave Kenya. Corruption is the way in these instances, but we refuse to pay bribes. So where does it stand? God has brought some amazing people into our lives who are assisting to get the paperwork to the right people and making sure they know corruption will not be tolerated. A lot of work and a lot of waiting...God in control at all times.

While there are always needs, we do have some specific ones. As I mentioned, we are working on the final floor of the mission home. We are around 50% funded for the project so you can go to Tammy's "Stack the Stones" area on the website by clicking [here](#) to see the progress and donate towards its completion if you are so moved. We also have a desperate need for two tires for our truck. We replaced two, but have punctures in the sides of the other two which continue to not hold (side wall punctures are fixed in Kenya, but the fix doesn't last). Tires are expensive in Kenya as with all things related to automotive. The tires are \$300/tire, so we could use \$600 to get these tires changed. The truck is our life line with so many things so it is not a luxury for us, but a necessity. Thanks for your prayerful consideration. Another need is getting "church clothes" for the kids. What I mean when I say church clothes is matching clothes which they will simply wear to church and nothing else. We have uniforms for school and we have play clothes, but nothing in between. We would like to have a skirt and blouse combination for the girls to wear and button

down shirt and trousers for the boys. They would wear them to church and then wash them for the next Sunday. We have calculated the price and it would be approximately \$400 to get this done for all the kids. Again, your prayerful consideration of funding this would be appreciated. If you would like to assist in any of these efforts, or simply assist with a donation, click [here](#) which will take you to our donation site and you can make a one-time or a recurring donation.

I am blessed to work with you for the glory of God and the welfare of these kids. You have never failed to listen to the calling of our Lord to assist us in our times of need and I know together we are living out our Scriptural mandate of spreading the Gospel of the love of Jesus to the kids we serve and the community we live in. The desires of my heart are being met and I hope yours are too as we continue to serve Him together. Remember we always love to hear from you so you can contact us at chuck@savedbygodsgrace.org or tammy@savedbygodsgrace.org or you can find us on face book. Also remember Tammy has a blog which she updates daily and now a video is being included (weekly I believe) called Mission Moment. They are short one minute snippets of things happening here on the ground...we hope you will enjoy seeing them.

May the joy of knowing and serving our Lord and Savior be with you not only in knowledge, but in the heart. May you sense His presence in your lives and may you feel and experience His grace. May His will be done in your lives and may you hear "Well done" from our glorious God when you meet Him in person.

Serving with you only by His grace,

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Missionary to Kenya

