



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

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Hi Friends,

Waiting on the Lord and His will...may it become second nature to you...or maybe I should say first nature. February was a month of waiting for Tammy and I as we didn't know a couple of times if we would have to leave the country of Kenya on a moments notice. What was happening was we were told at times we had been granted a renewal of our permit to stay, then we would travel to Nairobi to Immigration and they would tell us we didn't even exist in their system. Then when we would continue our inquiry we would find out we were in the system, but we had not been to the committee who decides if we can stay. All this is frustrating and costly each time we had to make a trip (no you can't call and find out the information). Eventually, literally on the day we had to book flights out of the country, we had our visa's extended for three months by immigration so we would not be in the country illegally, and now we have been given the official letter saying we have been granted a renewal of our permit. We are now in the waiting stage of having the permit actually granted...11 March is the day we are hoping we can actually say we have the permit in hand and it has been officially processed. During this process we have come closer to the Lord and have simply told Him "whatever you want...Your will be done...we will stay or leave based upon You". Do we want to stay and continue working for our kids...yes, we believe our season is not over yet. But do we have all the knowledge to know what is best, certainly not. To wait and do our part, but accept what He has in store for us is what we want to do. Am I assured we remain in His will...no, I challenge it daily. But, if I continue to do all I can and then wait on Him to move and affirm or deny the path we are on I can be fairly certain I am moving in His will...which is actually all Tammy and I want for our lives. May His will become your "first nature".

The work has continued in February by the grace of God. The work on the upper floor of the mission home has been continuing. The roofing has been completed and we are now working on finishing the outside and then will place glass in the windows so the inside is secure. At that point we will be out of funds for the project so we are looking for God to move those He has chosen to complete the project. We are looking to have it completed by August when a group from the US will be here to visit. If you are moved to do so, please go to our website by clicking [here](#) and select Stack the Stones from the allocation drop-down box and your contribution will assist us in finishing the project.

We have made good progress on the "down well" (that is our name for it since it is "down" from our well we use for the children's home). We are now in the process of pouring the first platform for the water tanks. We will then be making the second platform for the second set of tanks. We have the funds to complete the platform, but will need funding for the tanks. That will run about \$4,000 as we will purchase enough tanks to put 40,000ltrs on the stands. As above, you can click [here](#) and select "Children's Home (C4KK) and Farm Project" in the allocation drop-down box and write "Water Tanks" in the comment box. That will ensure when we are done with the platform we can continue directly with the tanks.

Our animal project is on its way. We are looking to purchase our first dairy cow in about two weeks. We have had a couple of "local cows" which we have been working with to get a feel of working with animals. The local cows are delivering enough milk for the kids to have milk daily at this point (before we had to pay for it and we were only able to afford to give it to the kids every other day). With the addition of the dairy cows, the excess milk can be sold and be a revenue maker for the home. As we begin with the first cow, Breezy, we will look at getting another. We hope this will be a significant revenue raiser for the children and move us toward self (God) sufficiency. At this time the project is fully funded, but I will let you know if we run into difficulties (As you may have seen, I have no problem letting you know the needs so you can participate in the Scriptural directive of helping the widow and the orphan).

How are the kids doing...great! As I have mentioned before, three boys are taking their final exams this year for form 4 (12th grade). These exams mean everything to the kids since they determine if they will be invited to university. They are doing excellent with all of them being above a "B" average. Last year all students above a "B-" average were invited to attend university so we are

assuming they will be in that group. We also have 6 kids who are going to be taking their class 8 (8th grade) exams. This is also a very important exam since you must score 250 marks out of 500 or you will not be invited to attend secondary school. We have engaged private tutors for the last two years to assist these kids in doing well in these exams and it has been working. Our children are mostly in the top 5 in each of their classes. In addition, our children are participating in the yearly sports games. Out of the 500+ students at their elementary school, 3/4 of our kids have been selected to participate in the games. Not only are they tops in academics, they also excel in sports. Thank you Father for extending your grace to these kids others had thrown away...they are children of the King!

Let me take a second to do some thanking...God first, but you right behind Him. To partner with you continues to be a blessing to Tammy and I and the kids. No, not only the kids, but the group of people we have working here (12 families live and thrive because of your contributions), the neighbors (they come seeking assistance and food), children and single moms in distant places in Kenya who are AIDs victims (we work with Ben Msandu in Nakuru to assist on a case by case basis in some of the most horrid situations you will ever encounter), and many other children in impoverished situations who would never have the chance of an education if not for you...you do much more than just keep an orphanage going, you change lives throughout Kenya. We have donors who are consistent givers each month to make sure we can provide the daily requirements for the home, we have contributors who sponsor each of the children so we can assure they are going to get educated to become contributors to and changers of the country of Kenya, we have donors who are faithful to assist when a need comes up (such as our truck tires last month and the bond requirement for the renewal of our permit), we have donors who specifically assist on these big projects such as the mission home and the well and animal projects, we have people who "out of the blue" are moved just to send us something to assist in any way they can. I am sometimes brought to tears as I contemplate how much you care and love us and the kids and want to serve the Lord, the Living God, by participating in this ministry. You must know all the credit on this side is given to God...the children, people of the village and our staff give thanks to the One who makes it all possible. They acknowledge His Lordship and His grace which He bestows through you. They come to know Him better by seeing His providence on a daily basis...from food to tires. So simply THANK YOU for your continued support of this ministry for the Glory of God and the good of His people. You continue to listen and move as you are called as we continue to be on the ground to spread the Gospel message of love, forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus...what a partnership it has been and continues to be.

Continue to seek Him my friends and continue to come closer to Him. Look for Heaven on earth and be prepared to be part of His joy as He completes us in the eternal realm through the love of Jesus. Continue to know He never abandons us and is with us to the end...which is our beginning through our hope in Christ. Take His love to those who are hard to love remembering we are hard to love, but the Lord lavishes His grace on us and gives us eternal life when we do not deserve it. May the Great I AM be your motivation for everything you do in this life as we prepare for the Eternal...He is coming...Lord Jesus come!

Serving with you only by His grace,

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Missionary to Kenya

