



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

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Hi Friends,

Warning...whining time...I am tired...time to take a break. Well the year is only 1/4 over and I am losing it. What do I mean? Little things which never affect me too much trigger me to get angry. The normal things about living life in Kenya (corruption, greed and daily life and death decisions) are getting to me even though we have been serving here for 8 years now. I am usually tired on a daily basis and sleep always looks inviting, I am needing to numb the pain of everything we do by simply trying to keep it out of my mind instead of tackling it head on, and, probably most important, I can't seem to find comfort in Scripture or in my service to Jesus. I know Scripture like the back of my hand and can call on it to keep me on track, but it seems like just words without reassurance or comfort...I need a break. So, do any of you want to come and take over for me while I take a break and come back to the States...any takers? Well, in any event Tammy and I are now scheduling time back in the States. With all the stuff happening right now it will take us six months to get things ready to leave so the countdown has begun. We are looking at coming back September 15 and probably staying until around the end of February (a good 5 months). During that time we will be thankfully spending time with family and friends, speaking anywhere someone would like us to speak about our Lord and service to Him, and generally "de-stressing" so we can come back and continue what God has us doing. We certainly need your assistance on making this trip possible so if you can help us, please go to the website and make a donation under the allocation of "Missionary Support" and put "Come Home" in the comment box (you can get there by clicking [HERE](#)). We will use those funds to stay in the States for the 5 months we plan on being there. Also, please let us know if you would like a tired missionary to speak at your church (I promise the Lord will bring the words so it won't be tired old me talking for the sake of talking...He always gives me the right thing to say...the words He wants you to hear) let us know (chuck@savedbygodsgrace.org or tammy@savedbygodsgrace.org). Also if you would like us to visit we would love to...that is part of our "de-stressing" plan. Just let us know and we will get it scheduled in. Also, some friends are working on getting something set up where flight miles can be transferred to us to get plane tickets purchased. I will get you more information on this as I have it, but if you have miles which you could donate we would appreciate it. O.k., enough of my whining...what has been happening on this side of the ocean.....

No matter how I feel, God is working His will...satan just tries to interfere. Things are going 100 miles an hour here. The feeding program is in full swing feeding around 500 people a day through out Kenya. The outreach ministries are overloaded and people simply are not helping...as a matter of fact, they are trying to stop them because of outlandish things.

For example, the ministry to the AIDs kids and their parents in Nakuru is a blessing to many, but the government is trying to interfere because we are doing "too much good" and they "aren't getting credit for it"...really?...Yes, really. They first told us we had to stop helping people since they were not getting credit for what was being done. Long story, but most things in Kenya are about corruption and money and since people were not telling how they were being helped by these agencies (probably because they don't help - they literally refuse and line their pocket with funds allocated to these people) their budget was in danger. We, of course, have blatantly ignored them, but they have their ways. For instance, people we help are being harassed by being told the beds, blankets and such we purchase for them (so they are no longer sleeping on the floor) have been obtained through theft. So, we have to go through the process of getting the receipts and proving that we bought and gave them the items...giving out things for free just doesn't happen in Kenya so it brings suspicion and proof is needed...if someone complains.

In another area we serve, the Christian community hate (yes I mean hate) what is being done since it doesn't enrich them. Instead of helping the people directly they want to get the money, run it through their committees, and then have 10% left when it is all said and done to actually do what we do...sorry, again not going to do it.

In another instance, a boy we are trying to get into the hospital to have a life saving heart surgery is being put off by....his mother. She was married to man from another tribe and if it got out she would be left by her friends so she won't sign paperwork to save the boys life...really?...his mom?

Our auditor (our Kenyan NGO, Caring for Kenya's Kids, is required to be audited annually) purposed a 6 million shilling adjustment so we could defraud the Kenya Revenue Authority (the taxing body of Kenya), instead of simply applying for a tax exemption certificate. An auditor proposing committing tax fraud?...great, where is the "no corruption zone" we supposedly have in Kenya if auditors are doing this.

Our kids bought books at the beginning of the year since the "free education" provided by the government of Kenya doesn't include purchasing books (huh?). Now, two months into the school year they have changed the curriculum and are demanding we purchase those same books all over again in different versions due to the change...idiotic.

I must stop...really. I could go on, but it would just continue to depress you and it certainly is depressing me. Through all of this we continue to try to look solely on the One who brings life, Jesus. If not for Him we couldn't stay and continue to serve, but because of His call of obedience we must...again, we just need a break.

You want opportunities to help...there are several. We currently have a couple of kids who need education sponsorship. One is currently attending an aviation school to be involved in the cabin crew. She is an amazing girl who did well in school and made it through despite her family situation (which was horrid and I am not going to go into detail). She needs approximately \$1,000 to pay for this course which will get her into the training by the international airlines. We got her in, but we can't continue to pay without your help. Another child came through his secondary with a straight "A"...amazing in Kenya. This boy will not have a chance to go to university unless someone helps. It is about \$6,000/year to get through university here so if someone could get this done (either alone or together with a few others) and commit to fund this we can get him going...it is \$500/month for 4 years which is needed for this. We also have several students who have not been able to go to school because of lack of funding...so they sit at home doing nothing. To sponsor a child like this is \$70/month. If you would like to assist you can go to www.SavedByGodsGrace.org and make a donation...either one time or a recurring monthly donation...by clicking [HERE](#). Your support is essential to have us continue to do what we are doing. Believe me, God is being praised and people are coming to Him through Christ as we show love to them where love has never been shown...thanks for being an integral part of sharing the Gospel.

If you don't know, I believe in prayer. We lift up so many situations each day and I know the Lord hears these prayers and brings us closer to Him through this action. Let me know if there is anything I can pray about for you. I will also ask that you pray for me...especially in this "drought" I seem to be in. I take comfort knowing Scripture is full of men and women of God who just had to cry out, but continued to be used by God for His purpose...that is where I am now. No matter what my personal circumstance is, I ask God simply His will be done through me at all times.

Thanks again for being a part of this ministry. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him fully no matter what the circumstances.

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck

Missionary to Kenya

