



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

June 2015 Newsletter

Hi Friends,

Timely news letter huh?..I will tell you why. Usually I have a hard time even getting the newsletter done during the current month, but this month it is right at the beginning of the month, June 1 (actually May 31 for some of you). Reason, this week Thursday...wait for it....we leave for the States and things are moving. The past month has flew by as we prepared to ensure all the programs which are on-going for the glory of God and the good of His children are in good hands. When you are balancing so much every day it is imperative things are left in good hands. Let me tell you a little about the "good hands" the programs are being left in.

In Luanda where we have assisted in establishing a medical clinic and a feeding program, my good friend **Joseck Ang'ana** is tirelessly working to make sure hundreds of children and elderly are being taken care of. He also ensures our food program in that area functions smoothly (we feed over 150 people a day there) and our jigger removal program (a big problem in Western Kenya) is moving along well. He is a friend and brother who loves Jesus and wants to give his life to serve Him...I believe that is why we are such good friends because we have the same passion...and the same King.

In Nakuru in the slum of Kwa Rhonda we have **Ben Msandu**. Ben has a heart for the AIDs/HIV kids and adults. We work with Ben on many projects through his outreach called My Brother's Keeper. He works with people who are abandoned by the community because of the disease. He goes where people simply refuse to go...even the church (small "c"). He gives of his very life to continue to bring hope to so many and we are humbled and pleased to work with him in these endeavors. From giving food, getting medical attention, shelter, all the way to literally saving lives (and being with them when they die), Ben works with us tirelessly...what a brother in Christ he is.

In an area called Donholm we support a street child program called "Hidden Treasures", **Beverly Millsis** the woman who runs it. She gathers the kids and gives them love through feeding and caring for them. When they have a full belly then she can tell them about the love of Jesus and tell them hope is not gone, but is right at their door step. She is a woman who knows what Scripture says about living out the Gospel. We are so glad to partner with her in that ministry.

In a place called Chokaa we support Wasamaria Wema. This program attempts to educate around 160 kids and feed 70 on a daily basis. **Agnes Nyambura** runs the program. Agnes, like me, is a diabetic. Even with the issues she has with diabetes (some days she can hardly walk because of the pain from her legs), she continues to assist these kids selflessly. Most of the kids have parents that have given up on them and have no one to take care of them...Agnes steps into that role. Again, what a privilege to work with her for the good of these kids.

In a village called Ngulini we work with a project called Acres of Mercy. Acres of Mercy runs a school in the village for impoverished kids. In Kenya getting educated is a tough road. It is supposed to be free, but we have never found it to be so. We have partnered with Acres of Mercy to feed the 170 or so kids each day (many the only meal they get). We have also bought clothes for all the kids so they can continue to attend the school and have a peace about being there (uniforms

are required by the Kenyan government to attend school...poverty or not). The founders, **Jimmy Allen and Catherine Ndinda**, are dedicated followers of Christ and are showing His love to these kids.

In Ruiru we are now working with an orphanage called Zaidi ya Dreams which works with abandoned babies. Children who have been thrown away or abandoned by their parents. Currently there are 20 kids (ages 4 and below) under the care of **Yasmine Ernst**, an Australian, who came to Kenya to adopt her daughter and although the powers in Kenya have kept this from happening for 5 years, she began the orphanage to help these little ones. She still has a couple who are not sponsored and I know Tammy has put these adorable little ones on the [website](#) to see if God moves anyone to help. We are attempting to assist by helping with the monthly food budget of the home.

And certainly not in the least, we have our orphanage in **Joska** called Caring for Kenya's Kids. We have 17 kids who call it home and Tammy and I "Mom and Dad"...what a crew. We have some great help on site from **Bosco Sina**, our non-profit manager, and **Peter Mwangangi**, our social worker and children's home manager. So, no matter if we are here or not our kids are in good hands.

Now, you would think that is enough, right...wrong. Outside of these "formal" relationships we assist on a regular basis, we work with literally hundreds of individuals on a case by case basis with medical issues, food issues, housing issues, education issues...life and death issues. We also have other partnerships which we are working on establishing with some good people who simply want to show the love of God to those who have lost hope...never a dull moment for us. Each day brings new challenges and by God's grace we deal with them. In everything we do we pray we give hope. When people who have had no hope see hope, lives change...even with the smallest things. Eventually, our prayer is they will see the true hope they have in Jesus. We simply try to obey our Lord's command of loving our neighbor as ourselves...the Holy Spirit does the rest.

Now to the plea. To do this we need your support. Just because we are coming back to the US does not mean these issues don't continue...they certainly do. I will be in contact with all of our programs while we are in the States and let me assure you funds will continue to be needed. If you can give us your support and are moved by anything you see above, please click [HERE](#) to go to our donation page and make a difference in the lives of many who have lost all hope. You can see details on many of the things we do by going to Tammy's blog by clicking [HERE](#). I pray the pictures will inspire you and even make you grieve for so many of our brothers and sisters and their children....which will then move you to act in God's will. Thanks for partnering with us so God can be seen and receive glory for what He is doing in the lives of all we serve.

God willing, the end of this week we will be back on US soil. We are scheduled to arrive in Arizona on Friday. Tammy has a [calendar](#) set up which is being used to set up appointments to see friends and speak at functions about the ministry and the Gospel of Christ. Currently it shows our major movements around the US from landing in AZ, to traveling to CA, to moving to MI. We will be filing in more States as we finalize details. We would love to see as many of you as we can during our stay. As you can see, we will be on both sides of the country so please contact her and let her know you would like us to visit and we will get it scheduled. We do still need funds for this trip. We have our one-way tickets paid for (we will purchase return tickets in the States for our return sometime in March). So, if you can support us please click [HERE](#) to go to the donation website and help. Select "Missionary Support" and put "Come Home" in allocation drop box...we will allocate those funds to the expenses while in the States and for plane tickets to return to Kenya. Literally I can now say to our kids who will be the first people we see.....BY GODS GRACE SEE YOU FRIDAY...wow that sounds good. I pray we see many of you soon. Thanks for the consideration of the support.

There is no better life than one devoted to service of our Lord and Savior, but it is not easy. For me the toughest part of my service is having to make decisions on who to help and who not to. Each decision takes a toll mentally on you because in many decisions you are making a life and death choice...someone will live and someone will die (at the least, suffering will be relieved or it will continue). While I don't like it, I will continue to serve until Jesus allows me to come home to my true home. His grace will always be sufficient to get me through the tough times and bring me peace in what I need to do. I look forward to some rest and fellowship with so many of you and certainly my family, kids and parents. But, as I mentioned before, simply because I need a break nothing stops. Please continue to pray for everything our Lord has us doing over here as I pray for your faithful service where the Lord has led you. We serve together by and in His grace for His glory and the good of His people...again, hope to see you and fellowship with you soon.

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck

Missionary to Kenya

