



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

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Hi Friends,

Late, what else can I say...well a lot actually. I never did compose a July newsletter. Some of you may not even noticed. I believe I worry about it more than the readers do. I am even bothered by it to the extent I must let you know why I didn't get it out...I was simply tired. We were working literally 20 hour days to prepare for guests who were coming from the USA to spend some time with our kids and others in our community. They came to bless them beyond what I could tell you. Their simple presence in the kids home (C4KK) and at a primary school (Acres of Mercy) was amazing and a time they won't forget. So, as we were doing all the regular duties at the children's home, and working throughout Kenya on our benevolence issues, we were also pushing to get things done for the group and I didn't get a newsletter out...that is it...that simple...not really. Each time I sat down to start the newsletter I felt the tiredness which I was becoming used to and I let it overwhelm me. I just kept thinking about how "tomorrow" was just a few hours away and I needed to be there one more time to ensure everything went as smooth as things go in Kenya. I feel like that a lot, no matter what is going on. I believe I live a fine line between living a life of faith in Christ and living depending on myself and telling myself I am needed to make sure the project goes on well...that may be more tiring than doing the work itself. We must remember we are simply the hands and feet of Jesus and His plans are so far above what we can accomplish on our own we must look to Him to accomplish anything. From building a children's home, to making sure donors are contacted and kept informed, to feeding a mom and her six kids, to preparing for guests to visit...I must remember it is all about Him and His strength is what I need to continue. So, I am still tired. I just found out a friend in Phoenix is now with the Lord, my cat has been poisoned by a vet who was simply here to give her a de-worming medication and I don't know if she will make the night, we have been out of electricity for two days, we have ate up our budget for the remaining six days of August and are out of funds for the general everyday expenses, and...I already said I was tired didn't I? So right now I am just going to finish this newsletter and take Scripture in my hand, grab a glass of iced tea, and try to allow Jesus to alleviate the stress. Let Him have a chance to get involved in my "hectic" life and let Him have the worries so I can rest in Him. So, sorry for not getting the last newsletter out, but I was putting too much emphasis on what I needed to get done rather than what He wanted me to get done...got to keep the perspective right or everything goes haywire....and His perspective is the right one. (Just to let you know it is now late in the evening, I never got to the tea or Scripture, the cat is not doing well, the electricity is not on, the generator petrol is running low, the well is out of water...I will try again tomorrow. His mercies are new each day and before He calls me home I pray I do see everything from His perspective)

A couple of things which are needed....if Jesus asks will you help? We have cows...praise God you say...me too. But, my calculations were affected by some things and therefore not as accurate as I wish they were. What happened was a couple of things. One, we were lied to about how much these cows were producing. We were told 15 liters per day per cow...guess what, they are only producing about 12 liters maximum per cow (on a good day). What that does is literally put us under the revenue figure of what we had anticipated the cows would produce. The second thing is that we have had to add 2 kg of dairy meal a day per cow to get that production (this newsletter is not long enough to explain what I just told you...just know it is excess cost which was not planned). Due to those two things we are not "breaking even" with these two

cows which I thought we would be doing. With that we need to get a third cow which will be our "profit cow". The expense of a third cow will only be the extra dairy meal needed to supplement her diet...the rest will go to the children's home. So, we need to get a large dairy cow (milking 25 liters by herself) and we can be "in the black". This is approximately \$2,500 for this type of cow. If you can help, please consider it and assist with what you can...right now it is costing us each month to keep the cows and that cannot be sustained. Click [HERE](#) to go to our donation site, make your contribution and just write "Cow" in the comment section and we will be on our way. Thanks for the prayerful consideration.

The second item is the benevolence fund. Currently we have \$400/month going into the fund (thank you to those who have responded to bring us to this amount). You can see on Tammy's blog, our face book accounts, or on the Caring for Kenya's Kids website (www.c4kk.org) what the funds are being used for. We would like to get this fund up to \$1,000/month to be sustainable for the projects we are doing. The fund is used exclusively for the poorest of the poor who have lost hope (some have given up on God). When we show them the Gospel in action things change...miraculously change. This fund is used exclusively for these types of situations. So, we are still looking for another \$600/month to get to the goal of \$1,000/month. If 6 people give \$100/month, or 12 people give \$50, 20 people give \$30/month, or 40 people give \$15/month we can reach our goal and continue to help many on a monthly basis. By clicking [HERE](#) you will be taken to our secured donation site. Click on "Benevolence Fund" in the allocation drop-down box and make your contribution. You can make a one-time or recurring donation. Scripture tells us to do this...we will make it happen on the ground...we need you to be part of it by supporting it financially...thanks!

Come to Kenya...it is an on-going open invitation. We just had a group of 14 people leave after spending about 10 days with us participating in all sorts of events...I believe everyone left more blessed than when they came. If you or your church is interested in coming just let us know. We have had individuals, couples, students and groups like the one above come. It blesses the children, but the people also tell us they are blessed. They have a new perspective on the Gospel....they see it being lived out in action on a daily basis. Your experience will open your hearts even more to the call of Scripture to help the widow and the orphan. Maybe you believe you are being led to a missionary life in a foreign country...this is a safe way to test it out. Simply give Tammy or me an email and we can assist in getting you started...we would love to have you here. Contact Tammy at tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org or me at chuck@SavedByGodsGrace.org. You can also private message us on our face book pages.

Thank you for reading this two-month newsletter. I promise I will certainly try, by the grace of God, to not get too busy to make sure you know what is happening on the ground at Caring for Kenya's Kids through Saved By God's Grace each month. Lastly, just a special prayer for peace for our friends who are loved ones of Bill Newsome who passed away and is in communion with our God. Tammy and I consider Bill a good friend and he assisted us on many occasions with many needs. He loved Jesus and His people...we look forward to the reunion which is certain to come through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Serving with you only by His grace,

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Missionary to Kenya

