

My Friends,

Easter came and went but...He is risen!...do you really believe it? I ask this question since it really must be answered with faith, and reasoning, and it is central to how we live both this life and the next. We are told in Scripture we should be able to give a reason for our faith. I believe we are commanded this to be sure we have thought about it and can come to the conclusion of what the truth really is...in both our mind and heart.

I can honestly say I know Jesus has risen. Faith is part of that reasoning, but there is so much more. I have studied Scripture and have made a logical conclusion what I read is true. I look at the way it flows and supports itself. I see it written by many people with the same cohesiveness. I see people affirming information which only got them killed with no other gain. I see many who affirm the writings both within the Way and outside of it. And maybe most of all I see the Old Testament supporting and foreshadowing the New Testament. I see Jesus fulfilling the prophecies.

Outside of Scripture I have had my personal experiences with Jesus Himself. Now I know these are just what I said, personal (I hope they would encourage others), but that makes them all the more supportive for my personal belief. I can't say I sought out God, but God pursued me. As I look back over my life I can now see Him working to ensure when I came to faith through grace I would be ready to make my proclamation that Jesus has truly risen. I would eventually give my life to Christ and acknowledge He is what life is all about. I would be able to defend my faith and boldly go where He calls. I would be convicted of sin and seek forgiveness, not justifying my unholiness with politics or national pride or way of life...all of this because I truly believe He is Risen!

I pray you would take the time to ensure you do believe what you say you believe and see how it should impact your life if you believe a man was born as God's Son, died for our sake because of our sin, and rose again to make eternal life possible...all because He loves us so much. Quite an unbelievable tale...maybe...if you ask me, not really unbelievable at all.

Well there has been rain...and rain...and more rain. This has been one of the worst rainy seasons in quite a few years here in Kenya. Many have died from flash flooding. Crops have been destroyed. There is talk of famine since there will be no food from the harvest come three months from now. What this has done at C4KK has slowed down the progress on some things and quickened the progress on others. The animal shelter project came to an abrupt stop since farmers were not willing (nor able) to sell animals during this intense "monsoon" type weather. We have the shelter almost complete (just some minor items to complete which are funded) and then when we get some nicer weather we can bring in the animals. On the other hand, we have been able to work on the mission home since most of the flooding rains come at night at C4KK. We do have a problem getting into the compound some times, but once there we can work during the day and get home around the time the rain is starting (it is a harrowing drive when driving at night in Kenya....actually it is harrowing anytime, but especially at night). Overall we have made some good progress at the Children's Home this month.

Kids are getting ready to return for second semester...we could use a little help. If you are able, we are about \$1,000 short of paying all the fees and shopping for necessary school items for the 15 secondary students who we have going back to school. \$500 of that was because of stealing of the kids "stuff" last term. In Kenya we have a terrible problem with stuff being stolen as the kids are in boarding school. Things from trousers to books to even socks are stolen and must be replaced...and the school takes no responsibility for such actions. Another \$250 is due to tutors we hired for the break. We found our kids respond well to tutors who can teach the kids in a one-on-one setting (our public school classes are around 60 to 1). We hired three tutors to work with the kids (two for primary and one for secondary). The kids grades have steadily increased and they are becoming tops in the school due to this. The rest (around another \$250) is increases in fees from the original fee structure given to us at the beginning of the year which we did not have in our budget. So, if moved to do so and you have the ability, we could use some help in this area. You can assist by clicking here and making your donation. You can simply put "School Fees" in the comment section.

The time for us coming back to the States is getting closer...and we want to fill up our calendar. We will be coming back on August 1, Lord willing. It will be over 3 years since we have stepped on US soil and we have lots to tell about

serving in Kenya and spreading the Gospel (we are also looking forward to hearing what has been happening in the lives of our family and friends). We have been getting requests for speaking engagements and are so humbled to do so. If your church or small group or any other gathering would like to hear the story and what life is like spreading the Gospel in Kenya we would love to accommodate that request. Tammy has a calendar on the website which you can go to by clicking [here](#) (or by clicking the calendar button on the home page). It will show you what our schedule is like during our stay in the US. We will be in the Michigan area during August and September and then traveling to the southwest, Arizona, during October and November. If there is a date you would like us to speak we would welcome the opportunity. Also on this topic, we have been generously provided our tickets to come back and our lodging in various places. We do need finances for the stay. Remember everything we do, every step we take, is done through your support through the grace of God. If you are moved to assist in this area simply click [here](#) and you will be able to donate for this cause. In the allocation drop down box click "Missionary Support" and in the comment box write "Come Home"...your support will get used for the trip.

There is always so much to tell you I can't possibly get it in this newsletter...and it would probably make for too long of a read. So, please stay in touch by watching Tammy's almost daily blog on the website ([click here](#)), or catch us on Facebook or you can always email us at chuck@savedbygodsgrace.org or tammy@savedbygodsgrace.org for specific details. We work by the grace of God as He moves you to assist and we want you to know and feel you are part of the ministry you support...don't be shy to let us hear from you.

Mungu akubariki marafiki zangu (God bless you my friends)

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck
Missionary to Kenya