

My Friends,

Time...we chase it, we don't seem to have enough of it, it seems to mock us at times, but are we looking at it in the right way? As you may note, you are getting this February newsletter early in March. I usually have it done by the end of the month it is for or on the 1st or 2nd of the next month...I am behind. Why? Did I not do my job? Did I remain idle and simply not do it? Did something keep me from accomplishing it? Did I not prioritize correctly? Actually it was simply because I was so busy during the month, and especially at the end of the month, that I couldn't get it done in a timely manner. Other things came up which demanded my attention. I had to adjust my priorities...to make a list of things I needed to accomplish and the timing in which I had to accomplish them and then begin at the top of the list...and this is where I ended up with time for the newsletter. So, how did I prioritize what needed to get done and what would wait...I tried to ask myself what the Lord is demanding of me...what has He called me to do. Most of the time when I do this I find my time should not be based upon my own wants...in other words I shouldn't be prioritizing based upon what my needs are but what others needs are...He will meet my needs so I can meet others. Things that were important to other people were not getting done so I had to put off things I needed to get done for myself and assist them. The biggest things to me are my 29 children at C4KK and our workers (because they are who God called us to assist). We were literally still getting kids in school at the end of February because of the way the government of Kenya does things. There were also things needed by the staff at C4KK to ensure they continued to work and get paid. Also, we are applying for our Charitable Children's Institution status which needed to be filed by the end of the first week in March and finally we are required to have an audit and give the final report by the end of March for which the auditor wanted every thing done by the end of February. With that, my needs (my wants actually) were pushed off, as I see it, by the request of my Lord and Savior. Now this did not mean I liked it (I would have rather worked on some other things), but I must, if I call Him Lord, listen to what He wants done and when He wants it done...my life is no longer my own...it is His now and into the eternal.

So when you look at "your" time, remember it is Him you work for daily, not a boss, not your spouse, but our Lord. Seek His Kingdom first and all else will be given to you...even the time to do the things you want to do...in His will...in His way.

Well like I said February was busy, but I believe we used our time as the Lord wanted...He affirmed much. During the month of February we made some great progress on items the Lord had put on my heart to accomplish during 2013. The first was the total completion of the English toilets. We had them "done" in January and then we found some leaks and had to repair them. Now, for the entire month of use, no leaks. Second, we worked on completing the animal shelter. As of today we are only waiting on the completion of the feeding and watering troughs and some minor cement work...we should have them done by the end of the week. At that time we then will proceed to get the animals by the grace of God. Third, we have dug the well for the farm another 10 feet deep. We had some difficulty with this since the pump broke during the process. What was a God given blessing is that the company couldn't fix it until the end of May. Now you did hear me right, that was a blessing. Since it was under warranty and they couldn't get the parts to fix it until the end of May they simply gave us a brand new pump...Amazing what God does when you don't know what to do. With this we will be putting the new pump in this week and we should have plenty of water to irrigate the farm. What is left is that during the month of March, with the help of you donors, we want to complete the tank stand for the well and purchase the tank. If that gets complete you are going to see some happy missionaries...I will explain why next!

Why so happy if those things get done?...we can come "home" for a visit!...what a blessing it will be! Back in December the Lord put three projects on my heart which we had to get done before we could go back to the States for a break...the three projects I mentioned above were those projects. We had to get the latrines changed over to English toilets, we had to get the animal shelter completed and bring animals to C4KK and we had to get the well done for the farm to enable us to grow our crops which will takes us toward self (God) sufficiency. I believe the manner in which they are proceeding is the Lord's affirmation of us coming "home" and I also believe we will have them accomplished by the end of April this year, Mungu akipenda (Lord willing). With that, we are preparing to come back to the States

the beginning of August through the beginning of December (leaving us extra time in between the projects getting done and us coming back to enable us to make sure they get off the ground).

During the time we are in the States we would love to come to your church or small group and speak on what God is having us do in Kenya. We plan on being in the Michigan area August and September. We then plan on driving across the States to Arizona where our kids are located (we can make any "detours" necessary to speak anywhere). We will then be there until we travel back to Kenya...those are the plans...but we leave any and all changes up to the Lord. We also would ask that you pray on assisting us financially for these four months in the States. If you feel led, please simply go to the website of [www.SavedByGodsGrace.org](http://www.SavedByGodsGrace.org) by clicking [HERE](#). Once there click on the Donate Now button to make a contribution for this endeavor...any amount will help. Just click on "Missionary Support" in the allocation drop down box and write "Come Home" in the comments section. We can then allocate your donation to coming back to the States.

Yes, we are excited about seeing everyone after over three years on the ground in Kenya, but we will continue to look toward God...remember it is His time, not ours. If He continues to affirm the situation we will see you this year...I certainly do hope so in His will.

I must take an opportunity to give thanks to all our supporters which make what we do possible by the grace of God....so...THANK YOU! I also need to especially thank the sponsors of the children at C4KK. There have been issues which have come up over the first few months of 2013 and you have been so faithful to use your finances to assist in those special needs. We can only do what God allows us to do by moving you to support the projects. We live here in Kenya by His grace and nothing more. We don't own anything, we have no resource of our own, we live by having Him give us and the kids our daily bread...and He does it through you. So, we continue to work with you for the glory of God and the good of His children here in Kenya through your support...thank you for partnering with us in this important endeavor.

Of course, to keep in touch with what is happening on the ground just click here to go to the website of [www.SavedByGodsGrace.org](http://www.SavedByGodsGrace.org). We are also on Face Book almost daily (when the internet and electricity cooperate) under Chuck McDonald or Tammy McDonald. You can also go to the website to read Tammy's blog for daily updates (well almost daily) on different things on the ground here in Kenya. You can also write us at [chuck@SavedByGodsGrace.org](mailto:chuck@SavedByGodsGrace.org) or [tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org](mailto:tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org) with any comments, concerns, or just to say Hi...we love to hear from people just to chat or hear about prayer requests we can partner with you on.

My prayer for you...is that your time spent on this earth will be spent for the glory of God and the good of His people so you may "hear" your reward of "Well done good and faithful Son/Daughter" spoke to you by the God of the universe, our Lord and Savior Jesus. Once again, we have choices to make and those choices have eternal consequences...both for you and your neighbors. Use your time wisely so the consequences of the use of your time leads to Holiness through the power of the Holy Spirit. Don't let satan lure you to use your time for earthly pleasures that will go up in flames, but rather use your time for those things that will last through eternity.

Mungu akubariki marafiki zangu (God bless you my friends).

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck  
Missionary to Kenya