



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

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Hi Friends,

The year has started off very hectic, but that is good...God has pushed us closer to Him and his people are being given hope...let me tell you about it. Tammy and my prayer as we begin the day for years has always been, "Your will be done". I am the type of person who will "bull doze" through a situation to make it work so I have had to rely on other things to make sure what I am doing is the will of God. You ask, Chuck how do you know? Well, in my case I listen to Tammy a lot who God uses to push/pull me in one direction or another. I also put ideas out to you, our donors, to see if God uses you to fund them...affirmation by other prayerful Christians I like to call it. I also look at what I am doing as compared to what is required from me by Scriptural command...am I living the life and doing what God tells us we should be doing and how we should be living as seen in Scripture and demonstrated by Jesus and the Apostles? As I noted, the start of the year has been hectic, but I truly believe it has been a walk/run on the narrow path which Jesus calls us to.

It started with an amazing donation which has allowed us to support around 400-500 people a day with food. We have four feeding programs going now...three directly and one with incidentals like water tanks, cooking utensils, etc. One is in Western Kenya in a village called Luanda. We work with a great friend there named Joseck Angana. There the AIDs epidemic was high and a lot of dads and moms were killed by the disease and the children were left with elderly grandmothers to take care of them. We have isolated around 25 families which are headed by grandmothers or single moms and have taken them and their kids into the program so they have assurance they are eating at least one meal a day...this is around 150 people. The second is a small school run by Acres of Mercy in Nguluni. The directors there, Jimmy Allen and Catherine Ndinda, are dedicated to the education of the poor so they have a chance at a better life in Kenya. We are providing the daily breakfast and lunch to 170+ kids. These meals are the only food many of them get. We are partnering with this school who provides education to the poorest of the poor so they can utilize the little resource they have to enhance their education system to these little ones who would have no chance of being educated if not for Acres of Mercy. Third we are participating in a street kids feeding program which takes food to street boys in the slum of Dunholm ran by Beverly Holly (Mills). There are so many kids who are just left to fend for themselves and the garbage pile is where most of them end up eating out of. Beverly has dedicated herself to helping these children...first through making sure they eat and secondly through attempting to get them educated. Lastly, we assist a feeding program/schooling of approximately 160 kids in Chokaa called Wasamaria Wema. A dedicated Christian, Agnes, runs the program and simply tries to help these little ones get fed and educated as she can. We work in conjunction with RED International Ministries out of Georgia to support the program. All of these programs are run by our partners who are in love with Christ and want to show hope to these kids and give them a reason to look at the True Hope which is Jesus. We believe this is what the Lord has commanded us to do through Scripture (which to me is obvious...parables of goats and sheep, fulfilling the law of Christ, loving your neighbor as yourself, etc, etc, etc). We pray this will open all those served to the Holy Spirit who will sweep in and allow them to accept the saving Lordship of Jesus.

The next thing which took place is our brother Joseck had found many cases of jiggers in Western and isolated some kids and adults who needed help desperately. We organized and with the help of a doctor here in Joska and two in Western, we were able to treat over 70 kids and many adults (see Tammy's blog on the website or her Face book for daily details of what occurred). We have now organized for another 60 kids to be treated which will occur on Monday. Also we are working with a school in Western to take girls who have begun menstruating and can't afford pads (yes, many families are not eating so even sanitary pads can't be bought) and assist them. Without them they resort to things like feathers to use because they don't want to miss any school, but many simply don't go to school during menstruation. We have worked with a company which produces reusable pads and it has been a success. I will be making it known about the process on this and the cost of the product for those of you who are led to help (Facebook me to stay in touch on issues like these).

Another first in Kenya was I was honored to be able to preach the Good News in prison in Kenya....actually two of them. Now this was certainly a time of prayer since I had never been to prison anywhere and I wasn't looking forward to it in Kenya especially because one, I had heard what it is like, two, I am having seizures, and three, I have a problem being locked in places. God continues to break me of all things and calls me to rely solely on Him for everything I do and this was simply part of praying "Your will be done". You can also find the details on this in Tammy's blog, but quickly, I wouldn't pay a bribe a police officer wanted at a traffic stop, so he told me I was going to be fined. I told him that was fine and he directed me to a police station to pay the fine...this was around 9am. I went to the place but you don't simply pay the fine. I was locked in a 8X10 wooden cell with no lights except that which fell through the cracks in the wall boards with 12 other guys who like me would not pay the bribe. My anxiety quickly went through the roof when I heard them lock the padlock on the other side of the door (which I couldn't even fit through...I had to bend and turn sideways). I simply prayed and even joked with the Lord...Your will be done right? When I could finally see, I greeted all of those in the cell and they were astonished a white guy was in the jail. I told them what happened and they all congratulated me on not simply paying a bribe to get out....that was the opportunity I needed. I told them I could not as it would dishonor Jesus. I then was able to tell them what he had us doing with the jigger program and through Jesus these people were seeing hope...It was a great conversation...for two hours. Then we were lined up and taken to a truck for a 45 minute drive to...Molo Prison. Yep, here we go again. There we were put in a cell with murders, rapists, drug dealers and the like for four hours. I can't explain to you the actual excitement/fear I had at this point knowing the Lord was going to do something with me which I had no knowledge of, but was "His will". I again got to tell my story to the 50 or so guys who were in the prison cell I was in with and while some simply stayed in the back, many came forward to listen (again I was the only white guy there and they couldn't believe I was there and many had never seen a white guy before). Who knows the full extent of what happened to lives, but there was one person who I ended up getting out of jail (another huge story), but I wonder if that was my purpose there...this one young man. In the eternal I will know, but for now, simply thank you Father for using me for Your will and giving me Your strength to do what You commanded of me.

I told you, the beginning of the year was hectic...but it may have been one of the most glorifying times of my life to date in service to the Great I AM. Father I pray you were glorified in all that took place and thank you for allowing me to be a small part of Your will to bring hope to the hopeless. Continue to use me up so there is nothing left of me, but only You shining through as they see Your Son for their eternal salvation. Amen.

With the starting of the year like this, what is next? Truthfully I don't know...and I kind of like it that way. I simply want to work in the will of God and allow Him to move as He wants. I do know we are trying to get all kids back in school as I write...it is a monumental task in Kenya. The kids may go to school hours drive from where we are at and that in itself makes logistics a problem. And as always the schooling costs are enormous and we fight every year to get the kids back in (we can always use your help on this). Also, we are going to attempt to come back to the States in the fall...if God wills. It will be two years since we have been back and are looking forward to seeing everyone again and spend Christmas with our family and friends in the States for the first time in five years. Of course, we will be available to talk to as many of you as we can about the ministry in Kenya and following the Lord as He calls. We will have more information as the time gets closer, but if anyone wants to "book us" to make sure we make it your way please simply let us know.

How are the finances...as always we look to you to do what we do here. As the Lord moves you we work in that zone. The benevolence fund is always in need of funding since the need is so great. But with your contributions we are able to show the love of Jesus to those He calls us to and let them see a glimpse of hope which is huge in their lives when they believe no one cares. We are working on some self-supporting projects so the people on the ground can make a difference in their own lives and we can always use funding there. In addition, we have many kids outside of C4KK that don't go to school because of lack of funding. If you want to help one of those children, simply go to our website and make a recurring sponsorship of \$40-\$70 a month and in the allocation drop-down pick "Child Sponsorship" and we will make sure you get a child to sponsor for their education. And lastly, we will gladly accept any donations you would like to make to get Tammy and me back to the States later in the year. Simply allocate your donation to "Missionary Support" and we will get it. By clicking [Here](#) you will be taken to our donation site where you can give your support for any of the items the Lord places on your hearts. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration of these needs.

Well, I just want to end by letting you know I am in prayer for you daily. I pray you come closer to Jesus through the Holy Spirit and your relationship with Him is one of intense Love. Let me know if there is anything I can specifically pray about with

you. I consider it a humble honor to lift your petition to our Lord in conjunction with you. Thanks again for being a part of this ministry to the Lord's children. May God continue to bless you.

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck

Missionary to Kenya

