

My Friends,

Faith must be present in every aspect of our life in Christ Jesus...in the good times and in the bad times. Use each day to build the faith God has granted you so when the time comes to be tested it does not fail. January was an extremely interesting month for us both personally and at C4KK. Personally Tammy went through emergency surgery for a collapsed colon. Lesions had formed in the colon and had actually made the colon collapse and nothing could pass. The doctor told us that another two hours we could have been having a burial instead of a surgery. So, during that time how did our faith hold up? This is a legitimate question since I personally believe that I must truly believe what I say I believe and act in a manner which reflects the faith I profess or it is all for nothing...it is a fake faith, a fair weather faith, one that will have me argue with God that I did this and that in His name and He will still say "get away from me". Well, during that time my emotions were very intense. I began praying immediately and text people all over the world to pray for Tammy. To some my prayer could seem calloused. My pray was simply "Your will be done". I could not pray any other prayer. The reason is when Tammy had cancer in 2006, God spoke to me and told me very clearly life is all about Him. Since that time I pray daily, first thing in the morning, that the day be all about Him...because an emergency takes place does not change what I want to happen...I want His will to be done. Back in 2006 I told God I would take Tammy's place at death's door. He told me I simply did not get it. It wasn't about Tammy, it wasn't about me...It was about Him. He was showing me He held everything in His hands. With that, "Your will be done" has been the basis for my prayer for all things. I do not say I will do this and that, but as Paul tells us to pray, say "If the Lord wills". Yes, once again my faith was tested. Did I want Tammy to survive, of course with all my heart. But, did I want that over God's will, no, never. My faith in Him, my love for Him, my love for her, demands that I be true to what I say I believe which is simply, Jesus is my Lord and Savior and what He wants done is what I want done. May our desires be His desires and our faith be strong in times of trouble. May we always say in faith, "Your will, not mine, be done".

As I mentioned, January was also an interesting month for C4KK...but in a different way. As some of you know December we didn't get much accomplished construction wise due to lack of funds (not only were donations down, but we had to prepare to pay for all the secondary students to go back to school...a huge expense each term). We had thought we would get a lot accomplished since the kids were going back to their extended relatives, but that didn't happen. Then we started January with Tammy's illness (yes, it was January 1) and I thought simply, God give me strength to get through the month. Well, early in the month a donor emailed who we hadn't heard from for many years. He and his wife were moved to assist us with some of the projects God had on our hearts and we were able to begin construction once more. We have been able to turn the pit latrines into regular toilets (no more flies, no more smell and more sanitary conditions). We were also able to continue working on the animal shelter to move toward self (God) sufficiency. This donor has also told us he would assist with the purchase of the animals once the shelter is done. What a gift he has given by the grace of God. So we have been working this month and have once again seen the faithfulness of God to accomplish what He has started by using His people. This also leads us to another announcement...

Could it be God is going to allow us to come "home" for a furlough...we believe so...in His will! We have been asked many times over the past year if we were ever going to come back to the States. Our answer was always the same, if God willed we would certainly come (yes we do miss our family and friends a great deal, but must continue to serve as He has called). Well, we believe God is opening that door to come back...but we are still waiting for complete affirmation. In December when we didn't get much accomplished, I knew there were some projects we had to get done before we could consider coming back for a furlough...God laid these on my heart as priorities which had to be accomplished. The projects were changing the latrines to toilets, completing the animal shelter and purchasing the animals, and getting the farm project going to produce vegetables for sale (the last two projects to assist the home in becoming more self (God) sufficient). As I mentioned above, in the first week of January, with financing from a friend we had not heard from in years, the projects which God placed on my heart to finish were begun...to me no coincidence.

In addition, many people have contacted me and told me they believe, through prayer, we are supposed to come back this year to tell others in person what is happening on the ground in Kenya and to reunite with our family and friends who we have not seen in over 3 years as we have been living in Kenya. It will take the beginning of the year to

complete the projects above (and we will also be starting the mission home), but we believe toward the end of the year we may be coming to the States for a few months. With that, we are going to be looking for the last piece of affirmation to allow us to come back which is the funding to do so. If through prayer you believe we are supposed to come back to the States for a while this year and are moved to financially assist in this, please go to the website and click the "donate now" button on the bottom of the main page to make a donation. Allocate the donation to "Missionary Support" and write "Come Home" in the comment section (you can click here to go directly to the donation site). If the projects come to fruition and the funding comes through we are going to be very blessed to see many of you again on the ground in the US...may God's will be done!

We want to continue to keep you updated as to what is happening because of your continued prayer and financial support through and by God's grace...There are a couple of ways you can do that. You can find us on Face Book as Chuck McDonald or Tammy McDonald. Also, you can always go to the website ([www.SavedByGodsGrace.org](http://www.SavedByGodsGrace.org)) for detailed information on the ministry by clicking here. In addition, Tammy maintains a blog on the website which gives tidbits of information on almost a daily basis about what is happening in Kenya and with our kids at C4KK. Also, you can always contact us via email at [chuck@SavedByGodsGrace.org](mailto:chuck@SavedByGodsGrace.org) or [tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org](mailto:tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org). We would love to hear from you about any questions or concerns and I would certainly love to be a prayer partner with you for any specific needs which you have.

My prayer for you...is you may be in God's perfect will for you each day and you are traveling the "narrow path" which leads to salvation. I pray your faith will be strong and evident in your life in both the good times and in times of trouble.

I pray you know the peace which Paul speaks of when he says he is content in all things. I pray you know the Living God as revealed to us through the perfect representation of the Father, Jesus.

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

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck  
Missionary to Kenya