

Saved By God's Grace newsletter

My Friends,

July was a trying month...satan tried, God won...all is well. July was an interesting month since we saw satan attack like crazy and we saw God intervene and make a glorious win. During it I learned a lot (which by the way I continue to do...I don't believe it will ever stop as our Lord continues to bring me on this journey of sanctification - coming closer to Him through His grace). I also learned some people will attempt to use Scripture to defend their position when it is not the position presented in Scripture. I had a friend explain to me how we should not air our "dirty laundry" in public since we are preaching the Gospel...what would people think? I understand the position due to how people, especially those against the Gospel, could/would misinterpret (on purpose) what is happening, but I am clearly convinced (not only in Kenya but around the world) things done in the dark are usually used by satan to continue to deceive and de-rail the followers of Christ.

In Kenya I can give you many examples, but the easiest is false pastors. These are people who preach "a" gospel" (not The Gospel), but it is done for money, power and to control. If what they do is not brought out into the open they continue to deceive and led people down the wrong path...many will suffer at the hands of the one who should be helping, not hurting...may God have mercy on them and bring them to repentance.

Now I don't say you should take all of your grievances to the public until you have talked to the person and attempted to bring the brother or sister back to Christ, but eventually the issues, if evil and continuing, must be brought out into the light so they can be stopped. This happened to me this month and something that was being pursued in the dark against me was brought into the light...once in the light it was resolved.

Think about it, what is the evil one's mode of operation...keep it in the dark. Either through keeping individuals ignorant or keeping things hidden, evil can continue forward. Think about it again, what is our motivation for keeping something hidden in the dark...usually because we are not proud of what we have done and would rather not face it being brought into the light. And again, how can a corrupt government keep on hurting its people...by keeping their actions hidden, their people ignorant, and not allow transparency (working in the dark). I could go on (and for sure I have been guilty of this in the past...forgive me Father), but you see the point.

So I would encourage you not to let satan get a foothold in your life by living or doing something in the dark. If you wouldn't do it in the light or proudly state what you have done, maybe you should reconsider doing whatever you are doing or saying...I'm just saying.

When you read this we may literally be in the air on our way back to the States...it has been tough getting ready to depart. You can't really imagine what needs to be done when you are leaving for such a long time and by our Lord's grace have been loving 29 kids...it takes a lot. Please understand I totally know the Lord has brought us to where we are and He will stand in the gap while we are gone, but I also know He brought us here because of who we are and how we could handle situations in a poverty based, corrupt country. We have stepped out in many circumstances where our kids were at risk at our own peril...that is not the normal way in Kenya. We have been working with the people here so they will work together and stand together when any one is being attacked by outsiders who wish to hurt the kids for money or simply to exercise their power. I am praying while we are gone God continues to bind satan in all things and He will continue to be our strong defender as life continues no matter where we are. Our confidence in Him is because we know our Lord, and no matter what is happening we know He hears the cry of His children....everything will be o.k....I have just got to get that totally into my being so I can leave in peace....content in all things.

No matter what happens to us or where we are we need to continue to partner with you...thanks for continuing your support. I talked to our banker this last month about what we needed to do to prepare in the event that Tammy and I are called to the Lord during this furlough...he and his assistant laughed. Since I found nothing funny about this I inquired why he was laughing. He then saw we were serious and stopped. I again asked why he was laughing. He said these type of conversations made Kenya's nervous so they laugh as if it were a joke. I asked him why preparing for something which could happen would make him uncomfortable? He said it was simply the death aspect of it...I had another opportunity to preach the Gospel. I told him death does not bother me since I am confident in what Christ has said and

my faith is in Him. But I am also confident I should, and am called to, prepare for whatever comes so I can hear "Well done good and faithful son" become I made sure my kids would be taken care of in the event I go home to meet Him (faith with action). After that he called the bank's home office to find out what we should do to allow Bosco (our CEO in training) to continue to handle things on this end if Tammy and I meet the Lord together...it is now handled. We have assured the kids so their fears are less (can't get them to zero), but they do know God has miraculously brought them this far and He is not about to abandon them. I tell you this to encourage you to continue to support the mission and, if you haven't considered doing so, to pray about whether you are called to begin to do so. Just because Tammy and I may be with the Lord is no reason to stop your support of a mission which God started and continues to maintain through you. He is the One, not us, who has a plan...we just said "Yes Lord" and have moved by His grace. You can click here to support these kids through your prayerful partnership.

Well, by God's grace we will see our family and friends in the US soon...again, by His grace. We are still looking for speaking engagements to fill our time in the States. We enjoy speaking (well at least I do...Tammy is not such a big speaker - or is that a "big mouth" - as I am) and I would enjoy talking about God, our Savior Jesus, the Holy Spirit, our ministry to Kenya and about any other topic you can imagine. You can always contact Tammy to book something at [tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org](mailto:tammy@SavedByGodsGrace.org) or through Face book which she is on daily. You can also contact us (after August 1) in the US on our US numbers (thank you Tarrin) at 602.459.1843 for Tammy or 602.451.8845 for me. We certainly look forward to hearing from you and seeing you.....SOON.

Mungu akubariki marafiki zangu (God bless you my friends)

Serving with you only by His grace,

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Missionary to Kenya