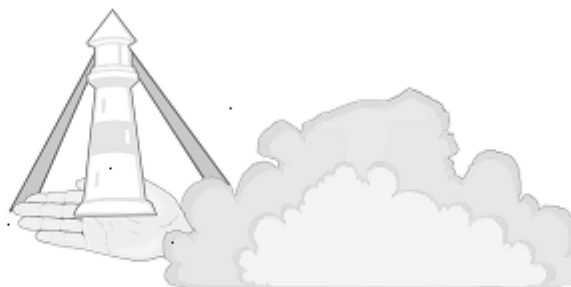


THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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Dear Friend and partner: Thanks for honoring the Lord by giving your love to his forgotten children!! **If you help the poor you are lending to the LORD-and he will repay you!! (Prov 19:17 NLT)**

Kenya Orphanage update !!

In our last communications to you we had felt that we were days away from receiving the 99 year lease for the 5 acres of land for the orphanage site. We have learned that the paper containing the district land map had been "lost" for at least a month and that had delayed the process. Here is the status of the progress of the land grant as of 12/1/01:



Land site for future orphanage

Achievements:

⇒ The lease was approved by the Thika district council.

⇒ The surveyor has measured the land and verified the acreage against the land map.

Pending tasks:

⇒ Registration of the survey at the Thika lands office. The orphanage land will receive its own plot number.

⇒ Clarification of green card into the Thika lands office.

⇒ Confirmation of the lease document by the Thika district council.

At that point the lease document will be issued to Through The Storm International and the land will at last be officially in our possession. We confess that this process has taken much longer than we anticipated but we remain committed to completing the vision that God has given us. **Pray that God removes any remaining obstacles to the completion of the lease document.**

We plan to step up our fund-raising efforts this year for the building of the orphanage complex.

Year 2001 in review

What a year! We made two trips to Kenya and saw approx. 200 people, mostly children, **accept Jesus** in the Kibera slums in Nairobi where we gave out shoes and Bibles. **TSM went international** and established a non-governmental organization status in Kenya. The district of Thika announced their intentions of donating 5 acres of land for the orphan-

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age site. We drew the plans for the orphanage complex and selected the architect and the builder. We also created the TSM Web site.

Together, with your support we were able to assist many going through crises here in the U.S as well. Thank you for being the answered prayer to those that needed hope.

Friend of sinners

In **Luke 7:34**, Jesus, while speaking about the unrepentant generation, acknowledged that they called him a "**friend of tax collectors and sinners.**" This statement was meant to condemn Jesus, but in fact **it is one of the few truths that the unrepentant said about Him.** Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost (**Luke 19:10**), especially heavy sinners. He truly cared about them and treated them as friends **under His/God's terms.**

As faithful Christians, we sometimes have a tendency to socialize only with fellow believers and to avoid gathering with, eating with and working around the ungodly. **We need to follow the example set by Jesus and not think it beneath us to befriend lost and "undesirable" people.** Jesus told us to hold our candle, or lamp up high for all to see, not to hide it under a bushel, bed or other cover-up of our Christianity. When we hold up our candle we reflect Jesus and God's love (through our good works (**Mat 5:16**) and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (**Gal 5:22**)) into the darkness of the world.

This absolutely does not mean that we should put ourselves in a position to fall into sin by relating to the unbelievers under the devil's terms. It does mean that we should accurately represent God's love, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to lost individuals and take personal interest in their physical, mental and spiritual welfare-even be their friend. **The result could be someone snatched from the grasp of the devil and into eternal life** as well as great rewards in heaven. **Phil**

Current needs of this ministry

- ◆ Budgeted funds for the building and furnishing of the orphanage complex is (\$250,000)
- ◆ There is an African saying "Little by little makes a bunch."**The Lord is wanting to show what can happen when God's people unite for his purpose.** No gift is too small.
- ◆ **Your prayers are very, very important!!**

Other ministry opportunities. TSM also regularly provides assistance to US residents as the need arises and as the Lord directs. Though The Storm has been touching hurting people because of the giving and love that you share.

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2001 income tax information enclosed

**About Through The Storm
Ministries**

The mission of Through The Storm Ministries (TSM) is to minister the love of God by providing assistance for individuals through unexpected, extraordinarily difficult times in their lives. This includes the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **(Mat 25:35)**

We are committed to remaining debt free. **(Rom 13:8)**

TSM is registered as a non-profit organization according to Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations to TSM are tax deductible.

TSM operates in the nation of **Kenya** as a non-governmental organization (NGO) named **Through The Storm International**.

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