

THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

He that giveth unto
the poor shall not
lack. (Prov 28:27)

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Dear friends and partners,

Many things are happening in the Kingdom of God. TSM is busier than ever in going about the Lord's work. God is growing us in love for others and patience in waiting on His guidance.

Through your giving TSM was able to help a family of seven move from a condemned, flooded home to a safe, higher area and show them that God loves them and is concerned with their well being. Instead of their family enduring a separation they were able to stay together. Bringing God's love and compassion to people is the basics of ministry.

Kenya update

Praise the Lord! My heart is bursting with excitement as I write to tell you, **we have ALL of the \$50,000 required to purchase the 6 acres of land** for the orphanage site in Gatundu! In addition, we already have \$2,500 accumulated in the building fund! Our Lord is Faithful!!

After getting the land we will begin building the caretaker's and visitor's home. When this is complete we will be able to take a group with us to see first hand what the Lord has called us to do while taking the love of Jesus to those that feel forgotten. If you want to go, start saving for the trip. The cost is around \$2,000.

Our long time friend and partner, David Marendes, went to Kenya last month. After hearing about his trip. We asked David to share his heart with you (see his article in this newsletter.) David distributed, in the Kisumu area, shoes donated by Calvary Christian Fellowship church, Humble, TX. He reported that **20 children accepted Jesus**. While David was there, he submitted an application for a branch of Through the Storm Ministries to be formed in Kenya. This will allow us to receive a certificate which we need to purchase the land. The certificate should be here in July.

If the Lord is willing, we will be making a trip to Kenya sometime around August, 2004 to take possession of the land. ***A friend wrote "God doesn't give us a job without equipping us for it." Thank you for letting the Lord use you in your giving and prayers to equip us for the work of the Lord, touching those that are hurting and feel unloved.***

By David Marendes

The Kenya trip of April 2004 was ordered of the Lord and His will for the people that He had prepared to receive His love. On leaving the USA I had no clue what the Father intended to do through me during the visit to



Kenya. I knew that this time He had more than just shoes given by members of Calvary Christian Fellowship in Humble, for the children on Kenya. As the spirit led me, I prepared myself for something special. I knew it was a God ordained trip due to the nature of the planning and how much His presence had guided us. **He is a good God.**

During the trip I was able to see God's hand in everything that I set my hands to do that each day brought comfort that there

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Reached by God's love

We want to thank all that helped with the backpacks for orphans. In December **you supplied 100 backpacks. Humble Christian School, Praise Center Christian Academy,**



the girls scouts and the boy scouts filled them with toys. Bridge of Love ministries took them to orphans in Mexico

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Current needs of this ministry

- ♦ Budgeted funds for the building and furnishing of the orphanage complex is \$250,000.
- ♦ Musicians and singers for expansion of monthly nursing home ministry.
- ♦ **Your prayers and support are very, very important!! Thank you.**

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for Christmas.

In April we gave out **100 baskets of love and the loving word of Jesus** to the elderly on Resurrec-



tion Day at Humble Healthcare Center. A big **thanks** to everyone that gave. We wish you could have seen the smiles and tears of joy as the

children from Victory Gospel Church gave baskets and hugs to these loved ones.

One little lady told me that we brought sunlight and light to her that day. She didn't know anyone cared. **Now she knows Jesus cares and is with her always!**

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was nothing that I could not accomplish in His name. I refused to let fear and worry get close to me. I, for the first time was able to trust in God for **EVERYTHING THAT I DID**, even



though sometime I did not know where it was leading. My faith was so strengthened that I saw **VICTORY IN EACH STEP**. Each day I simply thanked God upon waking up for my victory in Him during that day, because I knew that God was on my side. **THERE WAS NO WAY THE DEVIL COULD HAVE HIS WAY**. It was so refreshing for me to see such instant

growth in my faith level, never before experienced in my entire life.

All that I did to experience this was **GO**. I learned that we can achieve anything through God if we can only **TAKE THE FIRST STEP**. He is never going to give us a detailed plan of where He is taking us. The first step is unto us to get our faith activated and then from there be sensitive to where He guides us to. **HE IS SUCH A FAITHFUL GOD. TRUST IN HIM FOR ALL THINGS AND AT TIMES YOU WILL WONDER WHY IT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO GET TO SUCH A LEVEL OF SUBMISSION. GO AHEAD AND LET HIM BE GOD. YOU WILL NEVER GO WRONG THE DAY YOU START LETTING HIM BE GOD.**



Future 6 acre orphanage site in Gatundu, Kenya in background

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**) and visiting orphans and widows in their distress (**James 1:27**)

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