

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. **(James 1:27)**

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Dear friends and partners,

Thank you all for your encouragement and believing in Phil and me to carry out the plans of God. Waiting on the Lord and His instructions is not easy, but we know that unless the Lord builds the house the house is built in vain. A contractor has put together the cost of phase 1 of the Orphanage **(the caretaker's home.)** The caretaker's home will be two stories with the top story as a visitor's quarters. We are expecting a updated estimate from the contractor in the mail. **In our account for the building fund we have collected \$5,260.15 at this time.** Pray that the ones that our Lord has blessed with the ability to give financially will hear and trust the Lord with their finances. We must have all the money it will take to complete phase 1 before starting. **We serve a great God and we know that what He has started He will complete.**

Knowing that we have your prayers and support means so much to us.

Janice

Sri Lanka

By the time you read this I will most likely be in Sri Lanka. I will be going between July 20 and July 30 with Missions of Mercy for the purpose of helping to rebuild an orphanage that was destroyed by the tsunami in early January.

Sri Lanka is a relatively small island located off of the southern tip of India. Primary language is Sinhala. There is a large Buddhist population in Sri Lanka, most of which is unfriendly and even hostile toward the Gospel.

I look forward to this experience for a number of reasons. Number

one is to reach out and help and shine the love of Jesus to the affected children and also to the local population. What better way to bless little children than to share the Gospel to them.

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Goin' Home

Since our last newsletter, three good friends and fellow workers of ours have gone to be with the Lord, Raymond Bean, Melba Hall and Jemimah Marende. All of them were faithful servants of the Most High God.

Jemimah

This is a tribute to our friend Jemimah, who left us just recently. Jemimah died young. She and her husband William have three beautiful children, Eric, Angel and Faith.

Jemimah was a supporter of this ministry as well as a great personal friend. She always opened her home in Nairobi, Kenya to us and was instrumental in helping TSM get established in Nairobi. Several times we stored more than a dozen duffle bags of shoes, Bibles and clothes at their residence in preparation for giving them out to the needy. She loved to dig in and help give out the items.

Please keep William and the children in your prayers.

Thank you Jemimah! We love you and will see you soon .



Jemimah Marende with TSM in Kibera, 2001.

The Heart

The center of all human activity is the heart. It is the bridge, or connection, among the spirit, body and soul. The heart pumps life giving blood to every part of the body **(Gen 17:11)**. It is also where we establish our thoughts, beliefs and actions. Our heart is capable of bringing forth both good and evil **(Mat 12:35)**. Our heart can be broken, sick, foolish, troubled and slow to understand or it can be pure, clean, wise, healed and made new.

When the Word of God is seeded in our hearts **(Luke 8:11-15)** we can either accept the Word and it takes root and grows into salvation or we can reject the Word and our heart begins to harden **(John 12:40)**.

If we accept the Word of the Gospel and believe with all our heart **(Acts 8:37)**, we become righteous **(Rom 10:9-10)**, the Spirit of Christ takes up residence in our hearts and we become an adopted child of God **(Eph 3:17, Gal 4:6-7)** and begin confessing our salvation **(Rom 10:9-10)**.

Whether saved or lost, what we do with our lives depends on what we have established in our hearts **(Prov 23:7)**. We can be double minded and weak in our relationship to Jesus **(James 4:8)** or we can be resolute and steadfast **(1 Thes 3:13)**.

The wisest advice for us can be found in **Psa 199:11. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

Phil

Little by little makes a bunch. You have been prayed for today! We Love You!
Phil and Janice

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Additionally, I feel that this is an opportunity to gain additional construction experience and to meet more people that share our vision of caring for orphaned children.

There will be two teams of ministry, construction and ministry to children. I will most likely be on the construction team.

Please pray for safety and effective ministry on the journey and for many souls to enter into the kingdom.

Phil



Six 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)**

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