

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)

THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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Dear friends and partners

We pray that you all came through the storm without any permanent damage. We have been busy helping those that we could by cooking food, cleaning up yards, cleaning out homes, just like a lot of you have been doing. Tragedy has a way of wiping our busy slates clean, and helps us to focus on what is most important.

People have been able to see first hand how bad it can be without water and electricity. Many live this way in Kenya.

We serve an awesome God!! In just a little over 3 months the money we needed to have a well drilled is almost completely here! What a miracle that is! At a time when a lot of people are in need themselves, they gave. Please send up your prayers. That is needed even more than the finances. Pray that we have the right people to do the work and that they will be safe getting to the site and doing the drilling.

Kenya orphanage update

Phil and I and a friend are heading for Kenya on the 6th of November. We hope to get the well drilled, and do what we can towards getting fresh water. Also, Phil will get a chance to meet our boys for the first time!

The gate has been completed!

Our workers are clearing and getting ready for a playground. **The boys are praying for this to be completed soon.**



The front gate at Haven on the Hill, shortly before completion, July, 2008.

Trena, the young lady that met me before I left Kenya on my last trip, is overseeing the operations at Haven on the Hill for us. She was sent by God! She lives in Nairobi, two hours away from Haven on the Hill. Trena has been making sure the children and staff are well and have the clothes, food and water they need. Mama Dorcas is loving and caring for the children and making sure that they are studying their Bible lessons. Grace, a young lady that Mama Dorcas has brought in to teach the boys English, is doing a great job. Trena told me that when she went for a visit she asked the older boys how they were doing and they answered in English "I am fine thank you. How are you?" She was amazed and the boys just glowed. They were so proud to know how to communicate with her. **Praise to our Lord Jesus Christ!**

We are getting there one faith step at a time. Janice

Our strong Lord

By now, the memory of hurricane Ike for some of us is fading into the distance. For many, however, there are still circumstances to deal with; damaged or lost homes and possessions, lost time from work and even injured or killed loved ones. Our home was not damaged so I was blessed to be able to spend time helping neighbors, friends and relatives clean up their damage. Also, my neighbor and I were able to spend two days with [Good News Galveston](#) helping to repair a building which had taken in 3 feet of water and the owners had no flood insurance.

Serving the Lord is good, even in the midst of calamity. One night shortly after Ike came through, we visited a family who was not only without electricity, but without water as well. The family was tired, dirty and had suffered several financial setbacks prior to Ike. Not only that, the self-employed husband had fallen from a ladder onto a pile of concrete blocks and his back hurt so badly that he couldn't work or even walk without severe pain.

Driving down their long driveway/street our car had to steer around downed poles and electrical transformers and over downed power lines to get to their house. Darkness was all around us and the area resembled a war zone. At that moment the Spirit of God questioned me. "What if the electricity were not restored? What if fuel did not arrive? What if FEMA and the Red Cross did not come with basic supplies? **What if I am your only source or option to turn to?**" My answer was "**Then we would need You to show Yourself strong on our behalf Lord.**" (2 Chron 16:9)

Then I beheld the husband, downtrodden, discouraged and close to despair. Nothing I could say would encourage him. **A touch from the Lord was his only option.** Knowing without a doubt that Jesus would show Himself strong I laid my hands on him and prayed. The next day I was not surprised when the family reported that they were doing much better and that **the husband's back was better, he could work again-and he had a new outlook.**

Certainly more calamities will come upon this earth and maybe we will witness more of them first hand. But in this we can be comforted. **The fewer natural options we have to turn to the more that our Lord will show Himself strong on our behalf-** even on behalf of the heathen if we ask Him. **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.** (Eph 6:10) *Phil*

Current needs: Prayer:

- For God to touch the unsaved people that He puts in our path.
- Our children's health, future and nurturing in the Lord.
- The right team to drill the well and the finances to have it completed.
- Continued provision for the daily operation and expansion of the children's ministry in Kenya.

Thank you for all you do, we could not do this without your prayers and support. We Love You! Phil & Janice

Remember to vote your VALUES on Nov 4. The future of our nation depends on it.



Joshua knows he is in a safe place and is starting to trust that others will not hurt him.



Look out world!
Here comes a leader.
Godfrey is growing up!



Baby James after not being outside for over a year is adapting well. He loves to be hugged!



Kelvin has not stopped smiling since he arrived at Haven on the Hill. He knows that he will be a doctor. He is learning English and studying very hard.



Our garden! We have been taking our excess food to the slums.



John is very proud for the chance to become a teacher. Pray for him as he is being healed from much abuse.



**Little by little makes a bunch.
You have been prayed for today!**

**We Love You!
Phil and Janice Wagner**

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 affliction (**James 1:27**)

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

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

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