

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

Phil and I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year! May this new year bring a new beginning, forgetting the past and moving forward in the Lord. I pray that your focus will continue to be on the Father's business.



We asked our friend Mary Elisabeth to share something about her visit to Haven on the Hill. This is what she wrote: "Meeting the boys was very exciting! Kids are kids no matter where they live or

who they are and our boys are no different-smart, sweet, curious and fun loving. It was so neat to see the difference between when we arrived and when we were leaving. I feel that we really bonded. This was my 2nd trip, but it won't be my last." Mary



Mary Elisabeth & Godfrey



Thanks to all of you who helped send the love of Jesus to our boys for Christmas. They were so excited about the gifts and clothes! We held a party for our workers. Our friends from America and I cooked for and served them.



They were polite but we could tell that they really did not like our food-Ha ha. The boys sang happy birthday to Jesus and then were allowed to open their gifts. Later that week we took John & Kel-



vin to give gifts to the poor in that area, teaching them to give.

**Water Well.** The borehole is drilled! Now we must install a pump, plumbing and build a pump house in order to have clean water at Haven on the Hill. (See picture of the drilling rig on back.)

**Little Boy Revisited.** Do you remember the infant boy we wrote about in June of 2006? He was very sick, so we prayed for him and took him to the clinic. We were told that he would have died if he had not gotten to the doctor when he did. This is a picture of the little boy alive and well in 2008. Wow! Knowing that the Lord used us to save his life really makes us aware of what is truly important in this world. We serve an awesome God!



Janice and "miracle boy"

**From my heart: Following the faith path one step at a time.**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

(Psalm 119:105)

If you are going to go forward in God you must know what you want to accomplish. You must know where you are now and the first step to take toward your destination. After you take the first step the next step will be clear. There are two paths. One is **flesh** and the other **Spirit**. When you are following the Spirit you will be following the lighted path (the Word of God). The Word says to walk in love and forgive. Our flesh says to get even and make them pay. One path leads to life, the other to death. It may seem easier to follow the flesh, but in the end it will lead to trouble. **Give mercy and forgiveness and you will live a much happier life.**

Janice

**Phil Meets the Boys.** When I finally met our boys I had already somewhat known them from their pictures and from what was written about them, but I was indescribably thrilled to meet them in person! Their little personalities are so unique. There is reserved John, analytical Kelvin, sensitive Joshua, demonstrative Godfrey and young but determined James. (Continued on back)

**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.
- We would be able to get the right contractor for the pump house.
- 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

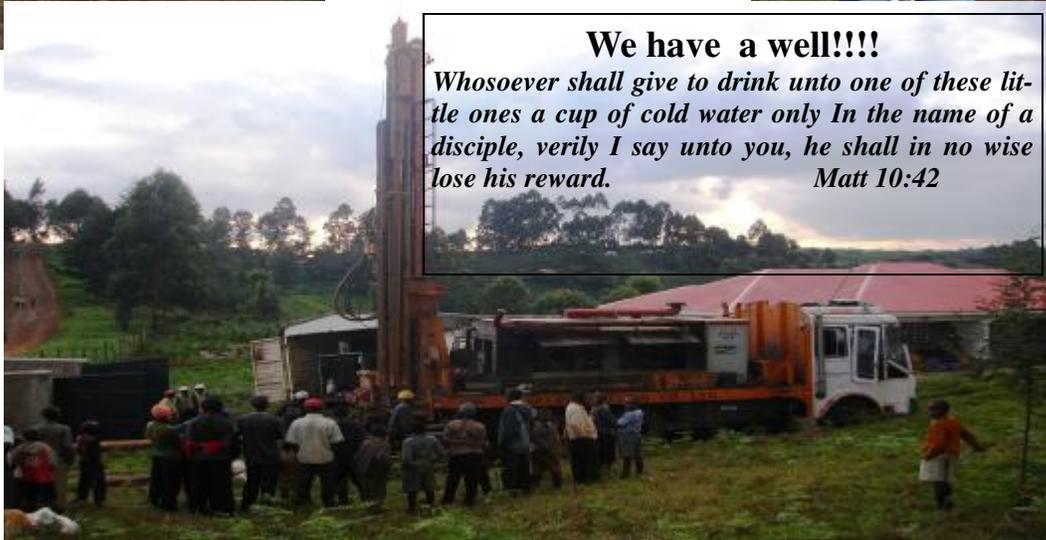
*(Continued from front)* I could have used an extra arm when outside and an extra lap when inside in order to carry and hold them. As I spent time playing and interacting with each of them I could see evidence in their actions of the horrors, abuses and rejections that each one had experienced. Each one of them is a love sponge which soaks up every drop of the healing love of Jesus Christ that one can give them. I consider it a privilege and an honor to be allowed to invest a piece of God's love into their lives. **Phil**



**Boys Singing to Jesus**



**David, our watchman, with Phil and boys**



### **We have a well!!!!**

*Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only In the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*  
**Matt 10:42**

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

### **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.

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

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