

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 thank you for allowing the Lord to use you to reach the forgotten. Together we are making a difference.**

In March we received a letter requesting our books to be audited in Kenya this year by the end of March, in the past we were allowed to have them done by the end of May. I, Janice took off to Kenya working on getting all our documents in order. After meeting with the auditor and getting finished I only had four days to visit the boys at Haven. While I was at Haven I played cards and put puzzles together with the older boys and pushed all the boys in a wheelbarrow. The only one that was not feeling well at that time was baby James-he had a cold. I called on March 27th to check on the boys. They were doing great and they were getting their hair cut.

**John Wanjau Nwgure 2001—April 2nd, 2009**



John at his 8th birthday celebration in February

On April 1st, I (Janice) received a call that John, our oldest boy, had taken sick. Naomi (our house girl) took John to the clinic and tests showed that he had malaria. The clinic gave him medication but he continued to get worse. John was then taken to the hospital in Gatundu where they tested him and again treated him for malaria. At about 5AM on April

2nd I received a call that John had passed away. Phil was not able to go with me on short notice because of his job so I left as soon as I could that day and headed back to Kenya.

This was the hardest thing I have ever gone through, but the Lord carried me through it. I had doubts if we were doing any good at all. The Lord reminded me that John did not know about Jesus and His love for him until he came to Haven on the Hill. The past nine months that John was at Haven he had known the love of Jesus because of the love he received from all of you-the Christmas gifts, cards, and safe home where he was so happy. Our director Trena loved him.



Trena wrote this about John just a few weeks before his death. *“John is a sweetheart. He does such a great job as the older brother of the home. He likes math and science and does very well in those subjects at school. He likes to examine things and see how they work.”*

I was amazed by the love that was poured out on us by the community. They put up a big tent at our home, and churches

in the area came together and had services and prayers all week. They gave encouragement to me and testimonies to what God had done for them thru Through the Storm Ministries. Even our house girl Naomi testified that she had received a pair of shoes from us when she was just a little girl. Churches and individuals in the community contributed money to help offset John’s funeral expenses. Through all this pain the Lord had showed me that He was working through you and us to make a difference and bring unity to this area. *Janice*

### Kenya orphanage update:

We are moving forward at Haven on the Hill. The pump house over the borehole (water well) is being built. The plumbing required to transport the water to the buildings is being installed and a platform for the 10,000 liter main water tank is ready to install.



The pump/electric/guard house under construction

The process of getting electricity to the site is progressing.

We are building a chicken house so that we can have our own eggs and an occasional chicken dinner.

Kelvin, our little business man, wants to raise rabbits to sell and eat so we are building a rabbit hut for him.

The shamba (farm) is producing an abundance of vegetables. We are selling some and also giving some to other orphanages.

### Plans for this year

- Complete the plumbing and get the borehole in operation.
- Provide a see-saw, merry-go-round and slide for the children (and Phil).
- Build a goat house and/or cow pen and acquire the animals.
- Begin construction on the kitchen/dining room/chapel building and a girl’s dorm.

### Current needs: Prayer:

- For God to supply a medical clinic to be built on our site.
- Our children’s health, future and nurturing in the Lord.
- Continued provision for the daily operation and expansion of the children’s ministry in Kenya.
- For the electricity to be completely installed at Haven.

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



John is loved!!  
We miss him so much.



At John's funeral  
From left: Kelvin, Godfrey, Janice holding James, our mom at Haven (Beatrice) and Joshua. In the background the children from John's school came dressed in their uniforms to show their love for John.



John less than 2 weeks before he went to be with Jesus.

### 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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