

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 send to you our love and appreciation for having a heart to reach across the world to those that are hurting. Without you we would not be able to accomplish that which the Lord has given us to do.

From my Heart:

The other day I took two visiting children to our community pool. The little 5 year old told me he could not swim. When I asked him if he would like for me to show him how, fear came over him and he started to get out of the pool. I was so hurt to think that he didn't know by now that I would never harm him, and to know that he didn't feel safe with me. That's when the Lord reminded me that is how he feels when we don't trust him to take care of us. We stay in the boat and never try walking on the water when Jesus is telling us to come get out of the boat and trust him. Peter got out of the boat and his story was told, but the other disciples stayed in the boat and their stories were never told. **Do you have an untold story?** We don't want to get in a place where we can't touch the bottom. Jesus will hold us up in the hard times if we put our trust in Him. We have His word to use and when we speak the word out of our mouth it is a sharp two-edged sword. What have you been thinking and speaking? That is what I had to ask myself, then I had to repent. I know that my Jesus is willing and able, so what do I have to fear? The Lord is for you, who can be against you? If Jesus is saying get out of the boat go ahead then He will be there to pull you up, even if you go under. *Janice*

Kenya orphanage update:

As of late June, approximately seven months after the original target installation date, Haven on the Hill children's home **HAS ELECTRICITY!!** Because this is the first site in the community to receive electrical service, many obstacles had to be overcome. Many visits to the site by several teams had to be accomplished before the service could be connected. In a common occurrence in Kenya before the service is connected, thieves tried to steal the transformer which belongs to the electric company and resides on our site. But our Lord protected the expensive piece of equipment through our night watchman who saw it happening and sounded an alarm (blew a whistle), which brought the men of the community out, and the thieves scattered.

Now that we have electricity, the water pump can be placed in the borehole (water well) and roof to the pump house can be installed for security. This brings us a vital step closer to being able to supply clean water to the children and staff and to allow the community to come and get clean drinking water. The final piece will be to connect the water

tank and plumbing.

Our children, Kelvin, Joshua, Godfrey and James, are attending Sunday school and growing in the Lord. We regularly let the other children in the community come in and play games.

Jackie, our first live-in missionary arrived at Haven on the Hill from the USA in June. Her plans are to help out with the children teaching them English and giving them a lot of love. Jackie plans on staying for three months. *Phil & Janice*

Back to Kenya

On July 13th, Janice will be returning to Kenya with Laura, our long time friend. **Our intent is to bring two more boys home to Haven on the Hill!** Janice will also meet with a medical doctor from Texas who will be visiting our site for the first time to check out our boys. **We also plan on building a playground for the children.** We are very excited about all three prospects.

Future plans

Now that the clean water work is almost complete we will be focusing on **construction of our next building, the Director's home** which will be used as a girl's home as well as a place for visiting missionary groups from the USA, **This building will allow us to take in at least four times more children than the six that we currently have room for.** Our vision is to eventually provide a home for 100 children while giving them as close to a normal home environment as feasible. Pray for wisdom in moving forward.

We want to set up various ministries such as vacation Bible school, public showing of Christian videos, a Christian library and other ways to grow God's kingdom. **As always we want to continue giving out Bibles whenever we go to Kenya.** *Phil & Janice*

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 Phil and Janice and the staff at Haven on the Hill that we hear, know and do God's will.

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



Momma Beatrice and James going to church. James insisted on carrying his own bible.



Momma Beatrice with the boys and some neighborhood children at church.



Naomi with James and Kelvin



Our house girl Naomi - we call her the jewel of Haven. If you get the chance to meet her you will know why. She is always smiling and never says anything bad about anyone.

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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