

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:

Gladwell Kamau, one of our board members in Kenya and a very dear friend, went home to be with the Lord this last week after having surgery. Gladwell was an example of God's love on earth, a peacemaker, gentle with great strength that caused others around her including me to



Gladwell with her husband Richard and their two sons, Jeff and Samuel

become stronger in in the Lord. We are grateful to the Lord for letting our path in this life cross with hers. We will miss her more than words can say. Please pray for her two teenage boys, husband, family and many friends that they find the strength from God and know that we will be together with Gladwell someday.

Kenya orphanage update

I (Janice) returned home from Kenya on the 9th of February. I had a very successful trip. Thanks for all your prayers. **Got all our accounts audited and filed with the NGO office.** They told me we were doing a great job keeping up with our finances. They are very strict so this is a great compliment. Praise the Lord for computers!

Met with the children's officer: Had great favor. He visited the site and was very impressed. The new law says that if you don't have 20 children you will be shut down. He told me not to worry, he could see we were there for the children. He is giving us the time we need to build our next building.

Blueprints were drawn up and ready for the next building to be built!

Purchased a refrigerator at Haven. They are very happy about this. I believe this will help keep the boys well.

Purchased Bibles and gave them out.

Signed up for online banking, available now, so I can keep up with our accounts and pay bills online from here. Life just got easier!

We were given money and told to take our children and do something fun with them. I took them to visit mom Beatrice's family. The boys gave gifts out and we traveled to the water park in Kenya they had so much fun and will never forget their day.

(See pictures on next page)

On January 18th I left for Kenya. Praying that I would get a business class seat - sometimes if there is an open seat they will upgrade me for free. I felt like the Lord ask if I wanted business class or if I wanted to be used by him. I said to be used by you Lord. That is why I am here. **Don't let me miss seeing the people you have put in my path to help because of being consumed of my problems or my comfort. Let my mind always stay on what I am here for. To be your vehicle and let your love bring souls into your Kingdom.** I felt like a secret agent for God looking for an open door to touch someone's life. On the flight from Amsterdam to Kenya I met my assignment. I started talking to a young girl and the Lord showed me things and I shared with her how the Lord had turned my life around when I did things His way trusting in Him and stopped going by my own understanding. She started crying and told me just that morning she asked the Lord if He was real to let someone let her about Him. God is so good! **She gave her life to Jesus right there in the plane** and the plane had not even gotten off the ground yet! *Janice*

Phil going back to Kenya

As you read this, I will be in Kenya to start the foundation on our next building, a two story, which will provide a home for more precious children. Also, I will be lining up materials for the June mission team to use in constructing the lower story walls. More on the June mission trip in our next newsletter.

Also, I plan to attend Gladwell's funeral services which will be held during that time. Just a quick look back: On my first night in Kenya I stayed at Richard & Gladwell's, when their youngest son Jeff was just a toddler. From that point on the family has been a help to us in many ways.

I so look forward to spending time with our boys again. Looking at their pictures from Janice's last trip, I can see how they have grown. **For Jesus, Phil**

Current needs: PRAYER

- Bibles to give out to the community (\$6 each)
- Washing Machines and Dryers (\$600 each)
- Finances for the new building (little by little makes a bunch!)
- 10 Bunk beds (they cost about \$100 each)
- Twin mattress and plastic covers (\$20 each)
- Dark color flannel sheets sets
- Blankets for Haven and to give out to elderly (\$10.00 each)
- A milk cow and cow pen (\$2,000)

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

Christmas at the Haven for the boys!



Swimming in January! Only in Africa



Visiting Mom Beatrice's Family

Teaching the boys to draw

Teaching the boys to help others



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)

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