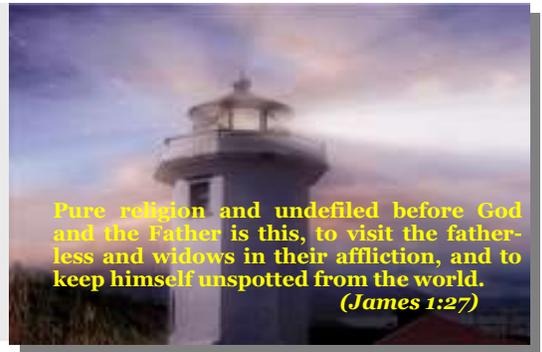


# THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

**December  
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**Dear friends and partners. Thank you for your prayers and support. Together the Lord is using us to touch many lives with His love!!**

## Phil's trip to Kenya, Dec, 2015

I was able to break away from my job for a few days to travel to Kenya to spend some much needed time at Haven on the Hill.

The list of things to do was long but I had the quiet confidence that our Lord was going to guide my steps and make provision, by His grace, to get it all done and done right.

Sure enough, every appointment, every assignment, every repair, time spent with our boys at Haven, came to pass - just in time with not even an hour to spare before it was time to leave!

About a year ago, I heard the Lord instruct me to take at least one of our boys with me on every trip I need to make. **I was able to take seven of them across three trips, and we had a great time.**

Also, **the Lord instructed me to teach our boys to work like men do.** Kelvin is our resident engineer. Hezekiel, Ayub and Joshua are our plumbers. All of the older boys work on the Shamba (garden) during certain times. Even the youngest boys have daily chore assignments. **All of this is to teach them to be productive, healthy, men of God - and they love it!**

**We are poised to finally complete our new kitchen.** I was able to meet with the man who designs and custom assembles the most energy efficient Jiko's (cookers) in Kenya and we are awaiting his proposal for the work. The kitchen cabinets and shelving will be completed soon.

**We started construction on the new storage building.** It will be completed by the end of January, 2016 and will provide much needed storage space for tools and supplies.

***We love and appreciate you!! Thank you for all you do. We could not do this without your prayers and support! (Little by Little makes a bunch)***

**A dear friend donated to repair and expand our playground.** I met with the contractor who originally built the playground and we are awaiting his proposal.

**We will be building bunkers to hold silage** made from corn, which will provide better food for our cows and reduce the time, effort and expense required to care for them.

All of this, together with doing repairs, family time, planning, meeting with the house parents, spending individual time with the boys and time with the Lord, made for a very busy and enjoyable trip. **Phil**

## The Christmas season

**The birth of Jesus Christ** changed the course of humanity! By God loving us and sending His son Jesus into this world, He provided for an escape for each of us from the certainty of eternal torment into the certainty of eternal life, if we believe it and accept it.

**Who else but Jesus deserves the biggest celebration of the year!** I believe that Jesus is very pleased with this celebration and the goodwill that accompanies it.

I also believe that He wants us to truly enjoy this season and He wants us to be blessed by it and not to be "Martha'ed" by the busyness of it (**Luke 10:38-42**). The message I get from that scripture is "Keep it simple." **Phil**

## A mountain removed

In 2009 we had a water well drilled and shortly after, electricity was installed. Having electricity was great except for one thing. The power company placed some large power poles on our land and ran the high voltage wire across the front of our property. This not only kept us from constructing in that area, but the power lines ran directly over our water well and caused major problems whenever our pump needed to be pulled for repairs. To get this problem fixed, the power company wanted \$6,000 to move the poles and wires.

Since then, through a series of God orchestrated events, this year, at zero cost to us, the poles and wires have finally all been moved to the roadside and off of our property!

## Current needs. Please pray over these:

- Finances for the Haven's monthly operating expenses.
- Continued construction to accommodate more children.
- More sponsors for the boys at the Haven.
- God's Wisdom to carry out our assignment.
- God's protection over the Haven on the Hill family.



**Kelvin repairing instant shower heaters**



**Laying the foundation for the Storage Building**

# Merry Christmas!!!

From the Haven Family

May Jesus put a song in your heart this year!



May 2011  
Age 7

## Meet our Ayub

Ayub came to make Haven on the Hill his home in May 2011. Ayub was a very frightened 7 year old boy. We had no idea how badly abused he had been, until we saw the scars on his little body. Ayub wrote a letter to a friend and I wanted to share it with you because it blessed me. →

Janice



November  
2015  
Age 11

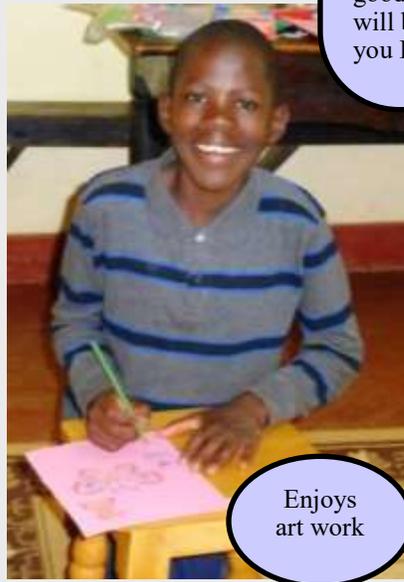
I had trouble in school I had trouble remembering what I learned, but it got better for me as I got older. Everything in your life makes you into what you will be as you grow up. We learn from our good and our bad. My childhood was hard but I chose to do what God would want me to do and looking back in my life I can see He was there all the time even when I didn't see Him. I love to sing and *I think as long as I can keep a song in my heart I will be ok.* Well I have to go so be good no matter what life deals you and God will bless you. Even though I have not met you I love you. Ayub

When you choose to sponsor one of these children you are changing a life forever!

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Repairing  
the kitchen  
sink



Enjoys  
art work



Playing with  
his little  
brothers

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