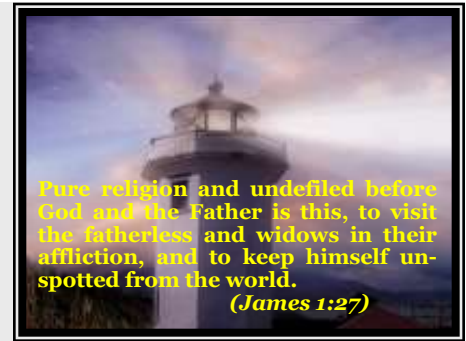


THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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Dear friends and partners:

We truly wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your holidays be filled with joy and blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil's October trip to Kenya

It was a trip packed with activity. My primary purpose of going was to oversee the construction of retaining walls and drainage being put in place in preparation for the Dining Hall building.



Retaining wall protecting the playground

Much of the wall and drainage design had to be done on the fly. It was the rainy season, which made it easier to design the drainage because we could observe where the rain water was going to and identify areas we needed to pinpoint for erosion control.



The repaired and resurfaced verandas

When I arrived at Haven I was surprised to see that the front verandas of our apartment and library buildings, which had been literally falling apart, had been repaired and restored to new condition by our contractor - free of charge!

We also did a lot of work on our Shamba (farm), including expanding our farm to an area we had previously left dormant. This was made feasible by the fact that our boys are growing and are a great help on the Shamba. They love to work and it is a pleasure working together with them!



Men and boys plowing the Shamba

Along with a lot of work, we managed to work in some play

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)



Some of the boys fishing at the river

time with trips to the river, mini-safaris walking to the nearest village and even a trip to an Animal Orphanage in Nairobi. The boys were most impressed with the lions, es-

pecially during feeding time.

Friday night praise in song is something to behold at Haven! Much joy goes into the singing and dancing for our Lord.

On my last Sunday, I preached at a local church.



The Haven family and I praising on Friday night

Most of our boys decided that they want to be baptized and are going through preparations for their big day at their church.

We knew this was going to happen - Alan is no longer a baby! Also, Kennedy, Charles and Wayne graduated into first grade and Ezekiel is graduating into secondary (high) school.

All in all, it was productive and enjoyable trip. **Phil**

Current needs. Your prayers are important! (James 5:16):

- Finances for the Haven's monthly operating expenses via special gifts and sponsors for the boys at Haven. (Currently we are at 68% of our sponsorship goals.)
- Funding for the remainder of construction on the Dining Hall. Next phases: Walls (\$10,000), Roof (\$15,000).
- Many souls for the Kingdom of God.
- Wisdom and patience for our board to make the right decisions as we carry out this assignment and fulfill this vision.
- Finances for John Paul's speech therapy and special schooling.

Dining Hall (multi-purpose building)

This building will be a great tool for the ministry the Lord has called us to. The plans for this building include:

- To provide a place for the Haven family to eat together.
- To teach trades and Godly principles to the men in Kenya, helping them to support their families.
- To teach ladies to sew and sell their products to earn money to help educate their children.
- To host ministry events that teach the Word of God and bring salvation and deliverance to hundreds of people in Kenya.
- To have pastors come and minister to pastors in Kenya.
- To have teens travel to Kenya and minister to the poor while interacting with youth from another country.

We are excited to see how the Lord is going to use this building at Haven on the Hill to touch many with His love changing lives, not only in Kenya, but also in our nation.

Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. Christmas blessings to you and your families. *Janice*



The slab and the retaining walls for the Dining Hall have been completed. The next phase is erecting the stone walls of the building at a cost of \$10,000. Estimated cost to complete construction of the building is \$40,000.



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