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,

The month of October was full of emotion for me, two of my friends went home to be with the Lord. Cindy Morales (with Bridge of Love ministries) and Lisa Lewis. Like so many others, I will miss these precious ladies of God, but we know they are happy and are where we will see them again soon. Until then **we must learn to take time to get to know and enjoy those around us,** to treasure the time the Lord has given us here and make a difference by letting the love **of Jesus** flow through us to others.

I pray that the true purpose of our lives here on this earth will shine in your hearts and every heartbeat will beat to the rhythm of our Lord Jesus heart. Heartbeats of compassion, unlimited love, not judging others, taking the time to care about those that feel forgotten. Thank you for letting the Lord's love move through you to touch your family, your neighbor, your church, your country, and other countries. From my heart, *Janice* 

## Kenya orphanage update

"God has a timing for everything because there is always more than one thing He plans to accomplish when He moves. He sets in motion a symphony of events or circumstances that have multiple goals in the spirit realm. But it is all for His glory and for the transformation of our lives because He loves us so much." (This was written to me in an e-mail from a good friend.) This is so true.

Because the Lord has put His plan into motion and because of sacrificial gifts that you have given we are now ready to begin constructing the first building!!!

A friend of mind, Jane Jackson, who also has an orphanage ministry in Kenya, and I **plan to leave for Kenya on the 16th of November**. My main purpose for going would be to get the building construction underway and to share the gospel and the love of Jesus to those whom the Lord puts in my path. Phil and I are believing for my traveling expenses now. We know that the Lord's timing is perfect and when the Lord's timing hits we need to have our shoes on and ready to run the race. Please pray for our safety, and for us to have wisdom, favor, and discernment on this trip. *Janice* 

## Hanging on to faith

A couple of months ago, Janice went through a very harrowing and life threatening experience that landed her in the emergency room believing God for her life. *During that experience the Lord gave me a vision:* 

A person was hanging on to a rope and suspended in mid air. A vicious storm with severe cross winds was slapping the person against buildings, trees and other structures with the intention of loosing him from the rope and causing him to plummet to his destruction.

The person hung on to the rope and presently the wind subsided and the person was unharmed.

The Lord showed me that the rope the person was hanging on to was faith. <u>Eventually the storms of life will subside</u> <u>and as long as we hold fast to faith throughout the storm we</u> <u>are assured of coming through safely.</u> But if we let go of faith the winds are able to cause us to plummet and to shipwreck (I Tim 1:19).

God brought Janice through that trial and she recovered quickly.

An excellent illustration of hanging onto faith, or not, is found in **Acts 27**. Paul, being taken toward Rome for trial, perceived by the Spirit that there would be severe hurt, damage and possible loss of life if they sailed on. However, centurion in charge of transporting Paul believed the master and the owner of the ship more than Paul and they sailed anyway.

Well, an unrelenting tempest (storm) pushed the ship aground and all feared the worst except Paul whom an angel had promised that all would survive-**if they obeyed**.

The unbelieving centurion gave favor to Paul and, on Paul's faith and the grace of God, all on the ship survived. God in his mercy even furnished debris from the wreck to help the nonswimmers get safely to shore. (Acts 27:41-44) And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmovable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. (42) And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. (43) But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: (44) And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

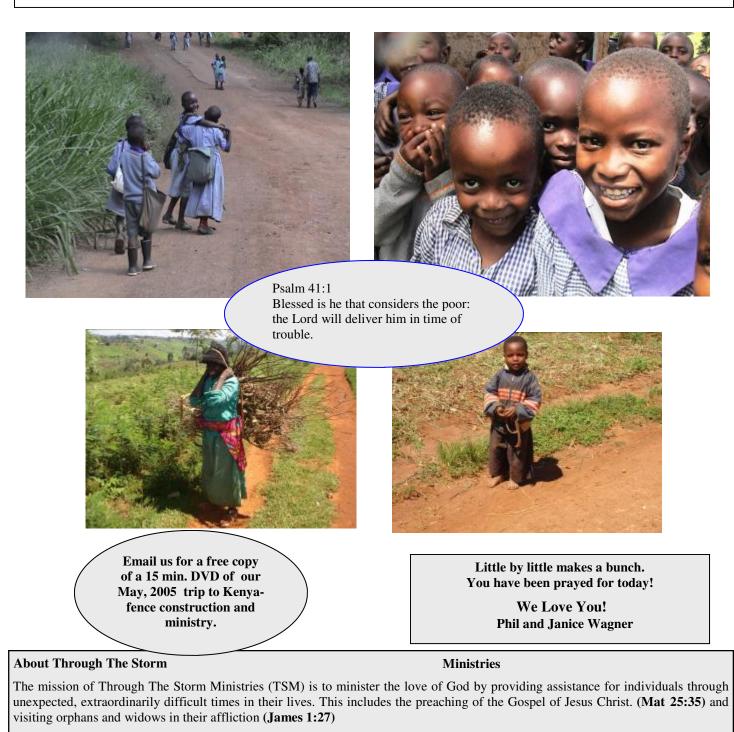
What a wonderful security that we have in knowing through faith that, even though the worst seems to be happening, we have faith in Jesus and the grace of God to hang on to!!! **Phil** 

#### Vote and pray

The future direction of our great country is at another crossroads. One of the privileges (and obligations) we have as Americans is to participate in the choosing of our leaders.

Please pray for the Nov 7 elections and vote for those who stand for what God stands for. Help keep this country one that people break into and not out of.

Phil



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