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,

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jer 29:11

When I read this scripture I think about a time in my life that the Lord made this real to me. Once I was in anger and sitting on my back patio. I was planning on making a change in my life. I begin to think on what steps I would take. First I would get a job and then no one could tell me what I would be allowed to do. I was full of the P.L.O.M. (poor, little, oh, me) syndrome . I heard a voice in my spirit say "So you want your life back?" I knew that was the voice of the Lord.

I did not realize that I was telling the Lord that I trusted Him with my life, but I wanted things done my way. When we trust the Lord with our lives we don't tell the Lord what we are going to do or not do. That is telling Him that we want Him, but He must follow us. We are actually following our own understanding and not acknowledging the word of God. *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths Proverbs 3:5,6*

I can hear you ask **"How do we know if we are letting the** Lord lead?" Well I can only tell you how I judge that. I first check to see if I have any <u>strife</u> or <u>unforgiveness</u> in my heart. For where envying and <u>strife is, there is</u> <u>confusion and every evil work.</u> Jas 3:16

Then I ask these questions: "How is my attitude? Is my motive one that gives God glory? Does what I want to do line up with what the Word says?"

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jer 29:13

My prayer for you is that you will **trust the Lord**. Take the authority He has given you and **cut off the spirit of fear**. He is able to take you through the fire and keep you safe in the lion's den.

I ask the Lord what He wanted from me. He replied with a question. "What do you want from your children?" I said, "For them to love you Lord, and tell others about you, to love and respect each other, to laugh, be happy, and do good for others."

He said "You have your answer."

From my heart, Janice

Kenya orphanage construction update

Janice will be traveling to Kenya on November 1st. and be returning on November 14th.

The primary purpose of this trip will be **to perform the final inspection** of the first building of the children's orphanage. **PRAISE THE LORD!!**



First building of the children's orphanage , nearing completion!!!

Pray that Janice will follow the Lord's guidance on her trip and that we will hear clearly what the next step will be. She will be meeting with Margaret Basigwa, who is over the children's protective services in Nairobi, Kenya.

Margaret will be able to instruct us on the legal steps to adopting our children. **Please be in prayer about sponsoring a child, this could be done for only \$30.00 a month.** Your sponsorship would help pay for monthly expenses, a house mother, a guard, gardener, groceries and a cow which will supply fresh milk for the children.

We will also have bills once we acquire electricity and the municipal water system which is pumped from the river into a big tank and travels by gravity to the land. This water will have to be filtered for drinking. We are believing God for a well to supply fresh, clean water.

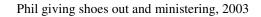
Prayer requests:

- Safety for Janice on her trip and clear guidance to carry out the Lord's plans.
- That God touches the hearts of the perfect people to run the orphanage, love, parent and nurture the children, manage the shamba (farm) and represent Christ to the community.
- That God leads us to the children who we are to parent.
- That all of the partners, employees and volunteers walk with integrity.

We Love You!

Phil and Janice









Phil and Janice giving out love to children in Kenya, 2002



Children waiting for God's love .





LOOK AT WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE, 2007!!!!!

Little by little makes a bunch. You have been prayed for today!

> We Love You! Phil and Janice Wagner

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.

TSM operates as Through The Storm International in the nation of Kenya as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

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