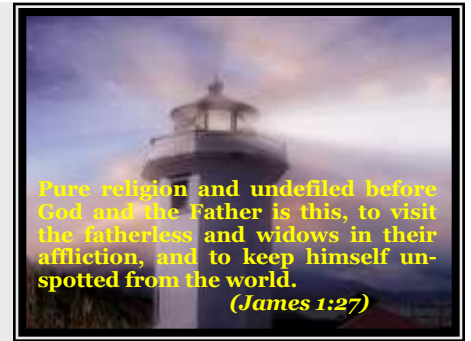


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Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
(James 1:27)

Dear friends and partners:

Again we want to say **“THANK YOU”** for your prayers and financial support. Because of your faithfulness we continue to grow and spread the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

Janice's August trip to Kenya

On August 18, 2023 I traveled with a dear friend, Denise, to Kenya. Her last visit was 10 years ago. She also invited Rocky, a musician and missionary to the youth, to join us. He led the boys in worship and gave his testimony. He took every opportunity to witness on the streets and lead people to Christ everywhere we went. They both were a big blessing.

Thanks for all you that prayed for my trip-I felt the prayers. I met with the new Children's Officer and the Lord gave me favor, she also has a heart for the children and wants to see them succeed in the plans the Lord has for them. I am looking forward to working with her.

I met with Hellen, our secretary, and we signed the Society paperwork and had it filed. We are good for another year.

I took most of my time to visit with our boys and talking with them about their future and sharing the Word of God with them. I reassured them that the Lord has Good plans for their lives and reminded them to follow the right Spirit and make right choices.

This trip was very important because I had not been to Kenya since March 2022. Some health issues had forced me to cancel my previous trip and that was alarming to the boys. I needed to show them I still have my muscle. :)

When I arrived, even the older boys came and gave me a big hug. This was so special because they are teenagers and like most teenagers, they don't want to look uncool by giving their mother a hug in public. Our two oldest were home for a visit. This was the first time in a few years that we were all there together. We were really missing Phil.

In the picture on the back page all our boys are there, except Joseph and Kennedy. They are missing because one had to go to the restroom and the other went to find him. I discovered this after we took the picture. :(

Three different Pastors came to Haven when they found out I was there to tell me how their churches prayed for me to recover and return to Kenya. I was so blessed by all of the love I felt on this trip. *Janice*

A little girl came to play on our playground and when she saw me, she was so excited and ran and said “Momma Janice!” and gave me a big hug.



Construction

Work continues on the upper floor of our new building. Plumbing and electricity are installed. Plastering of the interior walls and floor screeding are in progress and the installation of the interior ceilings will begin in a few days. Other work will be done as God provides. We started planning this building in 2019 and progress has been steady, with His provision through you arriving just in time. Rising costs, offset by changes to the dollar exchange rate, require regular adjustments to the remaining cost estimates. Remaining needed at this time is ~\$24,500 (see back).

Mission teams use Haven as a base to go out and bless our surrounding communities. For example, The Plans HE Has for You Ministries is now regularly reaching five schools, holding VBS, feeding and giving uniforms, shoes and more to each student at each school, along with blessing visits to local homes. The top floor of this new building will provide a space to accommodate bigger teams and can be adapted to serve other needs as well. *Phil*

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

- The Lord's guidance as we continue to take the love and salvation of Jesus to the hurting.
- Continued safety of our Haven family and community.
- Funding for the finishing of the new building. Ceiling material (\$122), Flooring. Approximate finishing and furnishing costs (\$24,500).
- For all our boys and young men, that they continue to walk in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4).
- **We are praying for you!**

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)

Haven building construction and funding status

Phase	Description	Status/Amount needed
1	Soil excavation	Complete
2	Sub-structure, including the concrete basement enclosure and ground floor slab, electric conduits and plumbing inlets/outlets	Complete
3	Septic digester for 100 – 200 people (The existing septic system is at capacity.)	Complete
4	Basement finishing and furniture.	Complete
5	Ground floor walling	Complete
6	Superstructure, including concrete ring beams on top of ground floor walls and concrete ground floor ceiling	Complete
7	Ground floor finishing, including doors, windows, plastering, flooring, painting, electrical	Complete
8	Top floor walling and ring beam structure	Complete
8.5	Roof and gutters	Complete
9.1	Rainwater storage tank foundation and relocation	Complete
9.2	Steel windows, doors, stair rails, grills, internal & external wood frames	Complete
9.6	Windowsills & eaves, soffits, exterior keying	Complete
10	Top floor plumbing, electrical, plastering, ceilings	\$122-In progress
11	Top floor painting, floor tiling, windows, cabinets, sidewalks	\$19,500 (Est)-Not funded
12	Top floor beds, furniture, curtains (top floor)	\$5,000 (Est)-Not funded
* Dollar amounts will vary, depending on exchange rates and cost of materials.		Total needed * \$24,500

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Left to right: in **2009**: Tyson, Hezekiel, Kelvin, James Nanga, Phil, Joshua, Janice and Godfrey.



14 years later: August 2023 Kelvin and Hezekiel were home visiting from their Universities. Tyson and Ayub will be graduating in January and going on to a University or trade school. As the boys turn into men we are seeing God's faithfulness in their lives.

When you choose to sponsor one of these children for \$10 or more per month, you are changing a life forever!

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