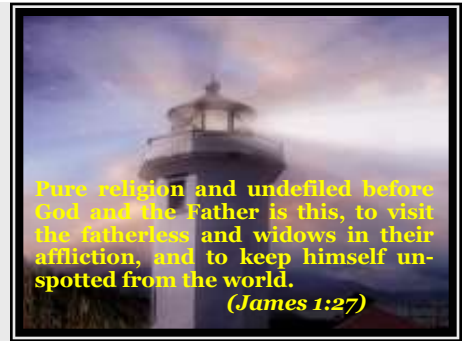


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Merry Christmas! **From Your Haven On The Hill Family With Love In 2023!**

I love Christmas because the whole World is sharing the love of Jesus by giving. When we help others and cast our problems on Jesus (which it not easy, but with the Lord's help we can do it), **Joy comes and our strength is renewed as the eagles.** It is more blessed to give than to receive. The best gift we can give ourselves is to forgive those that have hurt us. The only way we can do this is by submitting ourselves to Jesus and let Him love through us. Knowing that satan is our real enemy, not flesh and blood, helps us to forgive the one satan is using. Jesus will vindicate us!

Praying that you have a Merry Christmas full of Grace, Joy, Love and Peace. From my heart, *Janice*

Phil's November trip to Kenya

On this trip, I was focused on three things, spending all my time with our boys at Haven (who were home on school break), doing repairs and coordinating the remaining construction on the top floor of our newest building.

The boys, especially the teenagers, are changing, seemingly by the day, as they charge toward adulthood.

The weather (summertime, south of the equator) was rainy on all but my last day there and was cool, bordering on requiring a jacket.

Repairs were needed to some plumbing fixtures and the roof where the chimney extends upward from the kitchen.

We are taking steps to improve our Shamba (farming) operations to increase productivity.

Graduations

Our first college graduate is Hezekiel Njuguna. He finished a two year course in Information Technology and is ready for the professional workforce.

Ayub Otieno and Tyson Amani finished secondary (high) school and, completed their national exams. In November, three days later, they went to work for our contractor until the next continuing education school term at either a trade school or college university, depending on their aptitudes and career desires.

Joseph Omondi and Ian Njogu finished their primary (grade) school terms and will be attending whichever high school their national exams results qualify them for.

Next year, six more boys are due to graduate high school.

***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)***

We came across this picture of the Christmas tree at Haven the boys had fun decorating, and thought it might make you smile.



Construction

Construction is nearing completion on the new building. We first started plans on the new building in 2019 and began construction on April 27, 2021, and now, four years after the planning started, are nearing the final finishing stage (See back page.)

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 while they bring the salvation of Jesus to more people in the surrounding areas. **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. Only the wardrobes are not fully funded (only \$44 needed.)
- 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!**

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	Window sills & eaves, soffits, exterior keying	Complete
10	Top floor plumbing, electrical, plastering, ceilings	Complete
11	Top floor painting, floor tiling, windows, interior doors, plumbing fixtures, curtains	In progress/Complete
12	Top floor furniture, wardrobes	In progress/On hold (\$44)
* Dollar amounts will vary, depending on exchange rates and cost of materials.		Total needed * \$44

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YOUR BOYS
AT HAVEN ON THE HILL



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