

Through The Storm Ministries

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Dear Friend and partner:

Thank you for giving to the Lord! Many souls were saved!! Over 300 people in Kenya accepted Jesus!!!

On May 21, 2000, our dear friend and native of Kenya, Joyce Marendes and I (Janice) left Houston for Nairobi, Kenya with 10 large suitcases full of clothing, shoes and bibles. I didn't know what to expect when we arrived. I was just following the Lord's command to go and was trying not to be fearful.

We ministered to several families with gifts and the Good News of the Gospel. One **typical African family lived in a one-room mud house with no doors**. The family consisted of a grandmother, mother, and seven children. They were very hungry and in need of clothing. **All nine of them accepted Jesus** into their hearts as soon as we showed them God's love by meeting their needs.

Word was spread that the Gospel would be preached and gifts would be given on the following Saturday. We met at a country schoolyard where hundreds of children and adults arrived from the community. Joyce and I preached with Joyce interpreting for me. Four hours later, all of the shoes, clothing and bibles were gone and **around 300 people had accepted Jesus**.

The bibles were very popular. People almost fought each other in an effort to obtain one. However, there were not enough bibles or shoes to go around and I could see and feel the dejection coming from the children who didn't receive any. I left them with a promise that I would not forget them and that I would be back.

Everywhere we went we saw many sad sights. **The AIDS epidemic** in Africa has killed many parents, and **left many children to live in the streets like animals**. I saw children, some as young as six years old, digging in the trash for food and getting water from mud puddles. I saw children sniffing glue from soft drink bottles in an attempt to douse hunger pains. I have often asked the Lord to break my heart with what breaks His. He did.

The Lord let us know why he sent me to Kenya. **He gave Phil and me a vision of building a home for orphaned children** that would provide them with food, shelter, spiritual guidance, hope of an eternity with God and most important, the love of Christ. We have located a four-acre tract of farmland that would provide a suitable home site for approximately 100 children. The estimated **purchase price for this land is \$16,000**. Our goal is to return to Kenya **this year with cash money** to purchase the land and then immediately begin plans for the construction to begin. We would like for the orphanage to be in operation by mid-2001. God is rapidly opening doors for this vision to come to reality.

When we do return to Kenya, we also want to take another sub-

stantial amount of shoes, clothing and bibles to give out to the people.

- **For each 4-dollar gift we can put shoes on a child's feet.**
- **An 8-dollar gift would place a picture bible in the hands of a child.**
- **A gift of \$160 from 100 people would pay for the land for the orphanage.**
- **A \$10 monthly gift from 1,000 partners would support the building and operation of the orphanage.**

Please pray and believe with us that this vision will be fulfilled quickly and abundantly, that God's will be done and that He receives all the glory.

With God's love,

Phil and Janice Wagner

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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)

We are committed to remaining debt free. (Rom 13:8)

TSM is registered as a non-profit organization according to Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations to TSM are tax deductible.