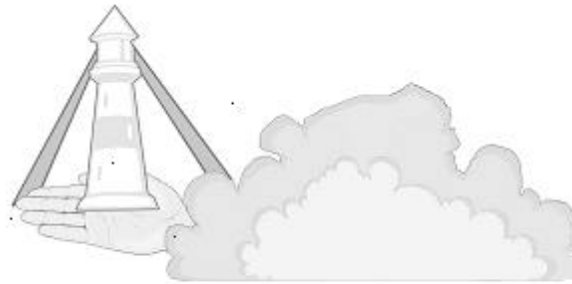


THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES



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Dear Friend and partner:

Praise our God and Father through our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus His son. We pray that Son-shine fills your lives and the light of His Son shines through you-and us.

There is much work to be done and many decisions to be made. However, our vision to place the orphanage in operation is clearer than ever. **Please pray for favor with God and man and abundant finances and resources in this endeavor.**

Kenya update

In our last communication to you we indicated that we were going to apply for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status in Kenya. Well, after much planning and preparation of paperwork **we have sent the NGO application to Kenya to be processed and submitted for approval.** The name of the NGO would be Through The Storm International.

If the application is approved, the NGO would be allowed to own land, buildings and property and function as a legal entity in Kenya. The act of applying for the NGO is a complicated process. **Please pray for God's will to be done with regard to the NGO.**

Assuming that the NGO application is approved, the next steps would be to **acquire land for the children's orphanage, begin the building plans, complete the building and finally, put the orphanage in operation.**

Actually, putting the orphanage into operation would **begin the ministry of gathering homeless orphaned children from the streets of Kenya and providing a loving, Jesus centered home for them** God has some things to say about our interaction with orphans. Some scriptures to reference:

(Deut 10:18 NASB) He executes justice for the orphan and the widow...

(Isa 1:17 NASB) ...Defend the orphan...

(James 1:27 NASB) Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit (be concerned about) orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

My Dad

On 1/29/01, my earthly father went home to be with the Lord. He was 92 years old. He was one of the last of the old-time American farmers. His lifespan included using horse drawn equipment, and later on, small tractors to plant and harvest crops on his 320 acres. He and Mom raised 8 children from the fruits of that farm in north-east Kansas. All of his children took our turns helping out on the farm while we lived at home. He made sure that we were educated and also knew about God.

I myself grew up in the same house that Dad was born in and attended the same church and the one room country elementary school that Dad attended. Dad and I had a very close relationship, especially in the past 20 years after I had grown up and realized that my parents were a lot smarter than I had given them credit for.

After he was no longer able to live alone and moved out of his home, he enjoyed being taken out to the country to look over his farm and see the livestock.

As a tribute to Dad, his sons and grandsons gathered together to dig and cover his grave instead of going the modern route and hiring a backhoe operator. (He had helped dig many graves for others in the small community.) Also, as a surprise planned by my little brother, the funeral procession took him by the farm one last time on the way to the little country church cemetery.

Since Mom had died a few years ago I am now technically a forty eight year old orphan. How thankful I am that I grew up with both a father and a mother living in marriage-until death did they part.
Phil

Other ministry opportunities

We are making Easter baskets for the residents at Green Acres Convalescent home on April 7th at 9:30 A.M. You are invited to attend. Also, if you want to purchase a basket to be given to an elderly person, the cost is \$20.00 a basket. Phil and I are purchasing 2 baskets to be given in his father's name (Albert Wagner). He would have enjoyed making someone feel special. His love continues on.

Although God is directing us to provide assistance in the nation of Kenya, **TSM also regularly provides assistance to US residents as the need arises and as the Lord directs.** Though The Storm has been touching hurting people because of the giving and love that you share. I was informed about a family in Coldspring, Texas who are in need of having their water turned on. This would be \$500.00 for a meter to be installed. I have checked them out through a Pastor in the area. The man works as a commercial fisherman in the summer and does odd jobs to get through the winter. The person employing him was unable to pay him at this time. If the Lord leads you to help this family, please write on your check "water for family." If we get more than enough money to meet this need, the money will be used to minister to other families in need.



Phil working in a shamba (field) in Kenya



Janice cooking dinner in Kenya.

Partners in Christ, Phil & Janice

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Inside: Update on Phil & Janice Wagner's Kenya orphanage vision.



Janice on a walk with new friends down a country road in Kenya



Our transportation



Passing out Bibles



Kenyan boy sleeping on the streets of Nairobi-a typical sight

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.