

THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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Please join us in prayer for our President, our government and military. Take a minute and ask the Lord to give wisdom and guidance

in this war against evil. To give protection to our troops.

If The Lord Be For Us Who Can Be Against Us!!

Returned to Kenya!!

On March 8, 2003 Phil, Janice and Joyce Marendes returned to Kenya. Our purpose was to secure the land for the children's orphanage and take Bibles, shoes and clothing to the orphans and tell them of the love of Jesus that knows no boundaries.

We took over 225 pairs of shoes, 96 Bibles and hundreds of articles of clothing to the JAMII school project in the town of Naivasha, north of Nairobi. **Each child, mostly orphans, received a new pair of shoes! Thanks to all of you that made this possible.**

Each adult and the oldest children received Bibles and we donated Bibles to the school library. Most important, **ten little children received Jesus in their hearts!!!**

We then headed to Nakuru where we met up with Loren Davis Ministries. Janice and Joyce ministered at a ladies meeting and Phil traveled with the Davis's to visit a village and gave the remaining clothing to the people of the Pokot tribe-in a land where water is a scarce resource.



Orphanage land update

If you recall, the district of Thika had allocated 5 acres of land to us to build the orphanage on and final documents of possession have been pending for 1 1/2 years. **We went to Kenya this time with empty hands open for the Lord to fill. One hand was open for the government land with legal documents. The other hand was open for private land.**

Given what we have further learned about the uncertainties and pitfalls associated with using government allocated land and the fact that the door has appeared to close, we have decided not to build the orphanage complex on that land site.

A six acre plot of prime land has been made available for us to purchase. This land is next to the main road, has close access to water and future electricity, and lies on a gentle slope as opposed to most of the hilly land in the area-great for construction. Currently the land is being used

to produce pineapples. The asking price for the land is about \$48,000. The door is open for us to purchase this land and we know that if this is the Lord's will then He will supply the funds.

I Janice, personally feel that the Lord would not have anyone give money that is for paying bills, I did that in the past and the Lord showed me I was stealing from the electric company to help others, because I didn't really think He would do it. That was not faith, just a heart to help. So I am asking you to pray with us and believe the Lord to bring the money in, not from the necessary of others, but from the overflow of His blessings to others.

This has been my 5th trip to Kenya, and the Lord is teaching me to trust in Him and His timing.

With each trip we gain much more knowlege. The Lord is showing us how to guard against deception in Kenya and is guiding us through with His wisdom and love. Thanks for your prayers!!

Love your enemies

Matt. 5:44 (KJV) ⁴⁴But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Jesus gave us instructions to love and pray for our personal enemies and those of our nation. Pray for Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, Yasser Arafat, the leader of N. Korea and other hostile leaders that they and their followers will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus. As we intercede on their behalf, our hate for them will turn to love and God will be free to work on their behalf.

Current needs of this ministry

- ◆ \$35,000.00 to complete the balance of \$48,000.00 needed for the land. We have \$15,000.00 in the land account as of 3/28/03, \$2,000.00 will be put aside for closing cost.
- ◆ Budgeted funds for the building and furnishing of the orphanage complex is (\$250,000)
- ◆ **Your prayers are very, very important!! Thank you.**

Other ministry opportunities. We are making 110 baskets for the elderly at Humble Healthcare Center in Humble the price is \$20.00 a basket. If you would like to purchase a basket and donate it in your name or the name of a love one, just send us a check and the name to put on the card.

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Inside: Kenya trip and orphanage update!



Potential orphanage site



Orphans school at Naivasha
which received shoes



Janice with kids in Gatundu area with
orphanage land in background

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.

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

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