

THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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Merry Christmas! And a very Happy New Year!

Dear friends and partners,

Phil and I want to take the time to visit and share with you today as we think back over the year. We want to let you know how much your love, prayers, encouragement and financial gifts have been used to show Jesus to those that are hurting **and lives are being changed**. I can see the looks of joy the warmth again, but the real warmth comes from we had taken better pictures of this so you could one that Jesus loves them and He is the one that

The desire of Through The Storm Ministries is that Because we join together with different ministries Christ.

The unity of joining hands together for the purpose of Christ is a way that the Lord's hand is revealed through us. (Read Psalm 133)

as a family gets propane so their children can feel the love you gave to make this possible. I wished see a little of what we experience. We tell every-put the love in your hearts and ours for them.

ministries work together for the purpose of Christ. they and we are able to reach a lot more people for

An example of this is on Thanksgiving. City Wide Club had a lot of turkeys, but was in need of canned goods. Victory Gospel Church had canned goods, but was in need of turkeys, so we assisted and exchanged canned goods for turkeys. Hundreds of people benefited because of this unity for Christ. KSBJ radio calls this church without walls. We call this letting Christ grow,

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Kenya!

The Lord has kept us busy here in the States telling and showing His love, however we in no way have we let go or could ever let go of what the Lord has spoken to us in May of 2000. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to believe that the Lord is able and will do what He says He will do. He is growing us up in the spirit, teaching us His ways so when He is ready we will be ready as well. We want to let you know where we are at concerning the orphanage. **We currently have \$42,396.15 and only need \$7,603.85 more** and then we plan to go back to Kenya to purchase the land for the orphanage! **Little by little makes a bunch!**

In August, Phil and I accompanied 48 children to camp, what a time we had! These children experienced a dream come true because Country Camp in Columbus, Texas, Victory Gospel Church, Assembly of God Church in Magnolia, Through The Storm Ministries and many of you that helped sponsor these children all joined hands for the purpose of Christ. What a joy to see these children receive salvation and be filled with the Spirit of God.



Astounded!

Jesus said in Mark 11:24, **"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."**

In Acts chapter 12, the Bible tells us that a great wave of persecution was executed against the Church, Herod had the apostle Peter imprisoned in maximum security. Verse 5 reads **"...but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."** As a result of the intercessory prayer, an angel was sent to Peter to wake him up out of his sleep, cause the chains to fall from his hands, lead him past the "sleeping" guards, "unlock" the prison gates and to deliver him out of prison and into the street.

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Reached by love

This Sunday at the nursing home Bill got saved!!! It was obvious that Bill is in the last years of his life. He is the last one of his family of a wife and two children to accept Jesus. He was so happy! It was during a time of the pouring out of God's love that brought Bill to repentance. In Bills words, "**Glory be!**"

Current needs of this ministry

- ◆ \$7,603.85 to complete the balance of \$50,000.00 needed for the land.
- ◆ Budgeted funds for the building and furnishing of the orphanage complex is (\$250,000)
- ◆ Musicians and singers for monthly nursing home ministry.
- ◆ **Your prayers and support are very, very important!! Thank you.**

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so people can see Jesus in a much bigger way.

This Christmas, we have been working with Bridge of Love, Humble Christian School, Praise Center Christian Academy, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to collect 100 back packs full of gifts to be sent to an orphanage in Mexico. In our next letter we hope to have pictures to share with you about this.

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Peter came to his senses and went immediately to where the saints were gathered praying for him. But, starting in verse 13, we see that the girl who answered Peter's knock as well as the praying occupants were "**astounded**" at the prospect of Peter being miraculously freed and needed to be convinced through Peter's persistent knocking. They believed that God would work on Peter's behalf but were astounded at what God did.

A similar situation happened to me a few weeks ago. We received a good report from a couple who are longtime friends of ours that was out of character from their historical behavior. I couldn't believe it. Was this the same couple that we knew? Then God seemed to say to me. "**Duh, you've been praying for them, haven't you?**" After I recovered from the shock that God would use the word "duh", I remembered that they have been on my prayer list for more than a year! I believed that God would work on their behalf but I was astounded by the report.

Keep praying and believing! God is able to do more than we expect and you may be astounded by His works.

Eph. 3:20 ²⁰*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...*

Phil



Potential 6 acre orphanage site in Gatundu, Kenya

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).