

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. (James 1:27)

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Dear friends and partners,

The first time I went to Kenya in May 2000, the Lord birthed inside of me the vision of a home for his hurting children, babies drinking muddy water from puddles and eating out the dumps. I had so many questions. All He said was "One step at a time, first get the land and the second step will follow." Six years later we have finally possessed the land for the Lord! The 1,800 feet of fence that we constructed this trip was a sign to all that the land had an owner. His name is JESUS. Phil and I look forward to taking the next step.

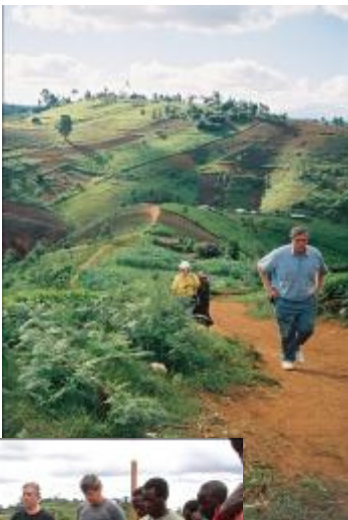
We plan on constructing a \$30,000, 1,980 sq. ft. building that would ultimately serve as three mini-homes for the workers when the orphanage is completed. In the meantime this building could be put to many uses, including caring for orphaned children, as the Lord directs.

We were blessed to have two friends accompany us this last trip, Abigail Rios and Eugene Smart. What a blessing they were! The following is some of what they wrote about their experience in Kenya: **Janice**



Last year the Lord gave me the opportunity to serve with Phil and Abigail on a mission trip to Sri Lanka. Less than a year later I found myself working with Phil, Janice, and Abigail in Kenya. Wow! What an experience! The mission trip to Kenya was awesome! The Lord helped us raise 1,800 ft of fence in four days!!!

The Lord selected this beautiful site to someday shelter many of His orphaned Kenyan children. I'm sure you will agree with me that we should do our part in making this vision a reality in the name of Jesus!
Eugene N. Smart



A prayer of thanksgiving for the fence is completed.

My most memorable moment in Kenya would have been on Wednesday, May 21, 2006. Janice and I went down the hills to visit a young man, his mother and his grandmother who all lived in a mud house. Janice had bought some medicine for him and his grandmother in a nearby village the day before. They both had horrible sores on the bottoms of their feet. Janice washed his feet as well as his grandmothers as the Lord told her to and she gave him a brand new pair of shoes, along with food as we found out that they had no food to eat. This act itself was very humbling to see God's servant washing their feet. It was so beautiful.



While Janice was doing this I stretched forth my hand to pray for him. I felt the Spirit of God so strong and the love of God for this young man that it just broke my heart. I know my God healed this young man not only from his

feet but his spirit also. I felt that this young man was very broken from many hardships that he faced everyday. I know God heard my prayers for this youth and I believe the Lord has many great things in store for him and his family. As we were getting ready to leave the grandmother asked Janice to take a seat and the grandmother said a prayer to the Lord. I was told that her prayer was thanking God that he remembered her as she is a widow. (Pure and



undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and widows)
Abigail Rios

Email us for a copy of a 15 min. DVD of this trip

POSSESS THE LAND !

We returned from Kenya on May 27 from beginning construction on the 8 acres of land. This trip was dedicated to building an 1,800 foot long fence around the perimeter of the planned orphanage complex.

We were able to acquire the materials, organize the laborers and complete the fence as planned with no major problems or injuries. **PRAISE THE LORD!!!!**

I didn't realize until we arrived on site how important it was to **POSSESS THIS PIECE OF LAND** for the Lord. Until that time, even though we owned the land we had not done anything with it. There were no indicators to the casual observer that the land belonged to anyone.

There are examples in the Bible where God had given land to the Israelites as an inheritance and they had failed to possess the land, even though it had



Phil and the construction crew

been given to them free and clear by almighty God himself. By building the fence we have shown that we have possession of the land and are occupying it.

Another thing that I realized is how beautiful this land and the surrounding countryside is. Pictures don't seem to portray that **this is some of the most beautiful and fertile countryside on earth.** Phil

The school just down the road equips their students with the word of God. Abigail and I took coloring books about Jesus and gave them out as Abigail told the story to the children about their savior. We prayed with them to receive the Lord as their savior. The school has agreed to accept our children once we have them.

Praise the Lord!



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**Little by little makes a bunch.
You have been prayed for today!**

**We Love You!
Phil and Janice Wagner**

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**) and visiting orphans and widows in their affliction (**James 1:27**)

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

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