

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,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Because of Jesus dying on the cross we can become God's children and have the right to call Him Father. This privilege we have can not be earned by works, it is a gift. Jesus is that gift to all that will receive Him.

If you have never received that gift and want to call God your Father, it is simple. Just repent and ask the Lord Jesus to forgive your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9) If you have turned your back on Jesus turn and face Him. He is there waiting.

The Lord will hear your heart.

From my heart, *Janice*

Kenya orphanage update

On Nov 16th I flew to Kenya with my friend Jane Jackson (*Into Abba's Arms Ministry*). My plans were to meet with our contractor to begin construction on the first orphanage building.

We arrived on Friday night and Jane had invited me to stay the weekend in her orphanage. I was glad I had accepted. Her children at the home were SO precious and I learned a lot while playing, telling stories, painting nails and helping a little with the work.

Monday came quickly and I heard the Lord in prayer tell me to go to the NGO office before meeting with the contractor. So early Monday morning I found myself in the NGO office ready to get started on constructing our orphanage, (which is about three hours from Jane's.) I spoke to an officer and made sure our paperwork was in order and informed him of our plans to start the building project. He said that before we start we must get it approved by the District Commissioner.

I was grateful that the Lord was guiding me. I proceeded to the DC office in Thika, thinking I would just get him to stamp my papers and be on my way. However after waiting 4 hours to see him, he told me that there was a procedure to follow. **The architectural plans had to be sent to the Health board and Public**

works board for approval. I heard him say this could take a few months and my heart stopped for a second. I didn't want to stay in Kenya through my wedding anniversary and Christmas. I asked for forgiveness for my moment of selfishness and said **"Your will be done."**

This is getting long, and to keep you from being bored I will just let you know the ending. Phil and I had not been able to locate the architect that we had planned to use for months. The Lord did a work and we ended up getting the architect that Jane used. **He is sending the plans for our orphanage as I write this letter. When we approve them they will be sent to the Health board and Planning board for their approval. Once this is completed we can start construction!** Jane's director of her orphanage is overseeing and working with us by e-mail from Kenya to get this accomplished.

We visited an "orphanage" operated by the state in Kenya. **What I saw broke my heart, but strengthened my vision. I know these babies need to be rescued. (pictures on back)** After spending a wonderful Thanksgiving with Jane and her children in Kenya, I got home in time for my 20th anniversary.

Janice

Thank you

The Bible contains many scriptures that communicate principles that are to be applied universally. **Scripture tells us that those who do the going and those who do the facilitating participate in the activity and share the results and corresponding rewards (1Sam 30:19-25, Mat 10:41-42, Heb 6:10, 2King 4:7-17).**

Over the years, many of you have **given of your finances and, just as important, your prayer** in support of the Lord's work in Kenya and in the USA.

The Holy Spirit indicated that whatever is said or done in private will be publicly proclaimed. (Dan 2:22, Luke 12:2-3). **Be assured that your participation will be abundantly rewarded in this life, and in the life to come!**

We believe 2007 will be the year that construction will be underway on the first building of the orphanage in Kenya. We also believe for much elsewhere to be accomplished for the Kingdom of God

Janice & I love you and appreciate you. Thank you for sharing this opportunity to bless others with us.

Phil



These are pictures I took at the state operated orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. The children are crowded together, about 5 to a twin size bed.

It was about 3PM and most of the children were all lying around. I believe they were sick.

These children deserve Godly nurturing. It broke my heart to leave them in those conditions.



Thank you for giving them hope for a future!



This little boy was not talking, but his eyes were pleading for help.



What a difference the love of Jesus makes!



Grace (a sweet girl) from Into Abba's Arms Orphanage

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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