

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

As we reflect on the year 2007, we realize that it has been a year of miracles. With the completion of the first building we are now seeking the one or ones that the Lord has called to manage His orphanage. We have complete peace because the Lord has told us He already knows the future and plans for His orphanage. WOW! What a load lifted.

We might want to remember this in our own lives as well.

The Lord knows the plans and they are good not evil, we just need to give our plans to Him. To listen and obey is our part and not to worry.

Janice

Political situation in Kenya

Some have asked how the recent riots, deaths and political and ethnic uprising in parts of Kenya are affecting our Kenya ministry. First of all, our orphanage is located in a rural, agricultural area about 1.5 hours outside of Nairobi that is populated mainly by members of the Kikuyu tribe. By all reports that area is safe and has not been directly affected.

There is always an element of danger when traveling to a foreign city such as Nairobi and the increased tension requires more wisdom. However, **the situation has NOT changed God's calling for us and His or our plans for the orphanage.** God is able to protect us in the fire.

Kenya orphanage update

It is clear that our Lord's hand is on the work in Kenya. The first building of the children's orphanage complex is complete and because of your giving, completely debt free in a time of rising prices and US dollar devaluation! What a blessing! The people of the community are exclaiming over the beauty and quality of this modest and simple building.

The building is sized to raise at least four to six children. One person has, by faith, already begun to sponsor [give monthly to help offset the expenses of raising] our unknown first child. Others have given to help fund the next building. **For this we are grateful to God and to you, our partners.**

I have seen it happen over and over, **when an individual, or ministry puts complete trust in our God of unlimited resources to supply every need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil 4:10) and commit to NOT entering into debt, then the resources, including money, arrive in waves at the time of need. (Exo 35:21-36:7)** The bigger the need, the bigger the wave. That is not to say that discouragement and fatigue have not tried to overcome us. They have. But discouragement and fatigue always give way to faith and steadfastness. *Phil*

Jean Van Heeckeren

In August, 2007, our dear friend Jean passed on to be with the Lord. She and her husband Steve lived what seemed a perfect marriage. They were clearly in love and completely enjoyed one another and enjoyed serving the Lord together. Steve would answer his phone "*Jean's happy hubby*" every time we called.

Though Jean is and will be missed, we are comforted in knowing that we will soon meet again.

Building God's house/temple

God's dwelling place (temple or house) on this earth is the church collectively and you and me individually. **(I Tim 3:15)**

The church is built upon the rock foundation (sub-structure) of the Apostles and Prophets giving testimony to Jesus the Christ, the Chief Cornerstone. **(Eph 2:19-22, 1 Cor 3:9-16)**. There are those whose roles are to prepare us to help build God's house **(Eph 4:11-12)**.

God has provided us as believers, **free tools**, the gifts of the Holy Spirit **(1 Cor 14:12, 1 Cor 12:1-12)**, the fruit of the Spirit **(Gal 5:22-23)**, blueprints and instruction manual **(the Bible)** and wisdom, knowledge and understanding **(Proverbs)**, to participate in building God's house.

God has also furnished us with unlimited materials **(unsaved people of this world)** in every place **(the harvest fields John 4:35)** with which to construct the house. As we build, the materials **(people accepting Jesus)** are fitly joined together as the body of Christ **(Eph 4:16, 5:30, Col 2:19)**.

Whatever of God's house that is built on earth will remain in heaven as Gold, Silver and Precious Stones and we will be rewarded eternally with our paycheck (recompense) for our construction labor **(John 4:36, 1 Cor 3:12-14, Rev 21:10-24)**.

So, with the plans in place, the cornerstone set, the foundation laid, our wages assured, the materials ready to be gathered and the tools ready to be used, **our calling is to build.**

Phil

Current needs:

Prayer for us to continue to follow the plans that the Lord has. Our vision is to see this beautiful building on this beautiful land serve as a home for children that have no family to nurture and raise them. **Pray** also for the right person, called by God to manage the orphanage and parent the children.

Kenya has been a symbol of stability to its neighboring countries. **Pray** for peace in Kenya.

We Love You!

Phil & Janice

We are moving forward!! Plans are underway for the next building-a two story dormitory, probably for girls. This dormitory will provide a home for an additional twenty-five children.



This man brought a plant and planted it in front of the building to honor us for saving his son's life. (We prayed over and took his baby boy to the doctor in 2006)



Moses (contractor), his son, John (foreman) and Janice in front of the building



This man built the beds for the orphanage. They are beautiful! Top picture is one of the beds in the building.



This man is clearing the land and planting beautiful bushes around the fence lines that will help keep out intruders. The finished building is behind him.

**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**)

TSM is registered as a non-profit organization according to Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations to TSM are tax deductible.

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