

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

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ!

Kenya orphanage update

Our last trip to Kenya (Phil, Janice and our friend Mary Elizabeth) was very challenging, productive and rewarding. So much so that Janice will be leaving to return to Kenya on May 30. More on that later, but first a review of what was accomplished by the grace of our Lord on our last trip:

We ended up taking shoes and clothing to bless the people in the community where the orphanage site is located. We also gave out some Bibles to those who had been left out from receiving them our last trip. The people in that area are very hungry for the Word of God and more want Bibles. (We try to provide a Bible to everyone who asks.)

We stayed in the new building at the orphanage site (that was an adventure in itself).

We planted kai-apple (spelling?) plants around the 1,800 feet of fence line which will provide a security fence around the orphanage. We had not planned on doing this on this trip but it was the rainy season and an opportune time to get this done.

We met with a lady that had been recommended by a mutual friend to be a "momma" to the orphaned children. She passed the interview with flying colors. Her heart and vision for the children matches ours. She will be moving into the home to mother the children. This is a huge answer to prayer!! Her name is Dorcas.

We contracted a social worker to locate children that have the greatest need for us. Our intention was to take in six boys ages 3 to 11 to begin with.

We began the garden that will help feed the children by planting cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and banana trees.

We acquired some of the furnishings for the building. More is needed.

What's next?

As we mentioned above, Janice will be returning to Kenya for most of the month of June. Why so soon? Well, the social worker has been doing a great job of locating children in need of us. In particular is a 2 year old boy that was abandoned is in the hospital. He is waiting on someone to take him.

Much work is to be done. The building needs to be furnished, final approval from the government to start a children's home must be obtained. Dorcas must relocate to the home. We need to move forward with plans to dig a water

well that will provide cleaner water than what is available from the municipal water supply. We need to start on the front and rear entry gates. And more...Please pray that we walk in wisdom and favor of God. *Phil & Janice*



Municipal water which is piped in from the river. This water is green in color.

Janice plans to meet with a water engineer to get the necessary surveys and obtain the approvals to have a water well drilled. Because of the very poor quality of the municipal water we are convinced that a well is the best moving forward solution.



He didn't think he was going to get shoes, but he did!



Giving out shoes



Giving out toothbrushes and toothpaste



Waiting for shoes

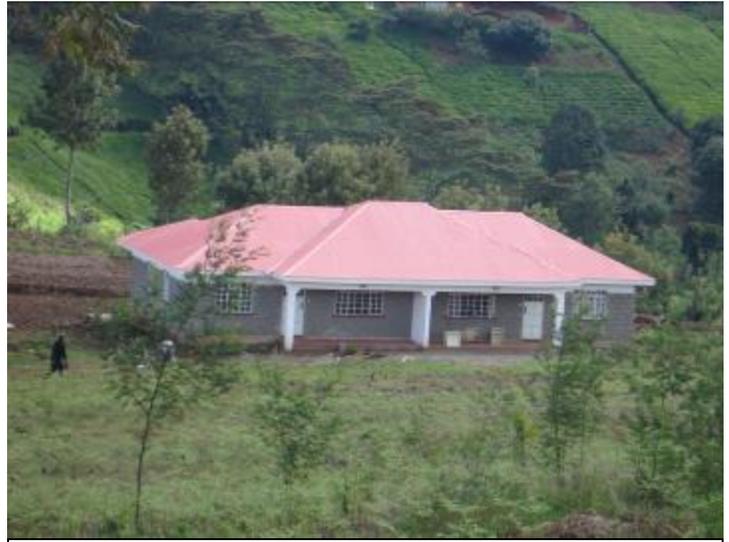
Current needs:

Prayer:

- For God to touch the unsaved people that He puts in our path.
- For us to be able to get the surveys, approvals and the finances to have a well dug.
- Get favor and approvals from child welfare dept. to start our home.
- To finish everything the Lord has for us to do so Janice will be able to return home quickly.
- Continued provision for the daily operation and expansion of the children's ministry in Kenya.



While visiting our watchman's home, his youngest out of nine children found a safe place to nap.



The first orphanage building from a distance. What a beautiful view!!



Wilson (our watchman) with family and Janice outside of his home.



Janice using a little elbow power on the kitchen cabinet.



Good Job Phil!



A little visitor (What a cutie)



Mary Elizabeth with her new friends in Kenya



Someone is happy to get shoes!

**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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