

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)**

## THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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**Dear friends and partners:**

*This is the season to focus on all our blessings. We want you to know that your giving heart has blessed so many. We are very thankful for all of you who support this work with prayers and finances, helping us to save the lives of those without hope. You can be the miracle someone is praying for.*

### It Takes a Nut to Become an Oak Tree

About 10 years ago late at night I was driving back from a Christian concert a van full of excited, pumped up, full of Jesus teen-age girls. We pulled up next to a man in his late 50s. His window was down and he was smoking a cigarette. As we were waiting for a red light to change the girls started asking me to tell the man that Jesus loved him. I remember thinking "No way! He is going to think I am a nut." The girls were persistent so I rolled down my window and said "Excuse me sir. I have a van full of girls that want you to know that Jesus has not forgotten you and He loves you so much that He gave His life for you." I can still see that man's face with eyes filled with tears. All he said was "Thank you I needed to hear that." **Sometimes we need to remember that a tall oak tree started out being a nut.**

Once I was at Wal-Mart buying a gift card for someone when I had a thought to buy one for the lady that had helped me in the Layaway dept. I thought "This is crazy. She will think I am a nut." But as I started to leave the thought was stronger so I went back in and I took it to her. I told her that Jesus wanted me to give her a gift. She said crying "Today is my birthday and no one remembered." I said "The Lord Jesus did!" I am so thankful that the Lord uses nuts like me to show His glory through. I hope this has helped to encourage you to forget about yourself this season and be a nut for Jesus. You don't have to buy gas at the pump for some one you don't even know, unless you want to. You could just give a smile and tell someone they are valuable because someone loved them enough to die for them. May this Thanksgiving and Christmas be a joyful time of year filled with mixed nuts and miracles for you! From a little nut for Jesus. :) **Janice**

### Kenya update

On our June/July trip to Kenya, the team with Inheritance World Ministries gave us a big boost on the 1st story of our new building by helping to put up the walls. Since that time **the concrete superstructure has been completed and the finishing is in progress.**

**When this 1st story is finished we can provide a loving home for 10 more children before we add the 2nd story.**



**Janice will be returning to Kenya in January** for our annual audit and to see our boys at Haven on the Hill.

**We were given money for a cow!** So now we go cow hunting. This is more fun than looking for a new car! The cow will provide valuable milk, manure and calves.

**We were given money for books.** We will be starting a Christian themed library at Haven on the Hill. The gift of wisdom, knowledge and understanding!!

**Humble Christian School is collecting shoes for us** to give out to the community in Kenya. We will also be giving blankets, Bibles and the good news of the Gospel!

**Please pray and believe with us to have the money we need to complete the 1st story by the end of January.**

### **Current needs:**

- **PRAYER!**
- Kikuyu Bibles to give out to the community (\$10 each)
- **Finances for the new building (little by little makes a bunch!)**
- 10 Bunk beds for next home (\$100 each)
- Twin mattress and plastic covers for next home (\$20 each)
- Dark color flannel sheets sets for next home
- Blankets for Haven and to give out to elderly (\$6.00 each)

**Thank you for all you do, we could not do this without your prayers and support. We Love You! Phil & Janice**

## Our new building under construction



Staircase and veranda



Bedroom windows

## Merry Christmas from your Haven family!!



Hezekiel, Kelvin, Tyson, Godfrey, Beatrice, James, Joshua



Naomi & James

### 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.

TSM operates as **Through The Storm International** in the nation of **Kenya** as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

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