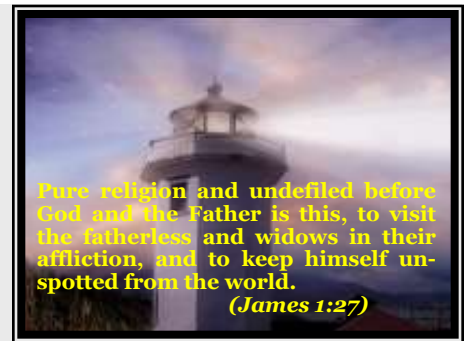


THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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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)

Dear friends and partners:

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. (**Philippians 4:4**) We serve a Lord who is indescribably good! Thank you for all you do. Your prayers, your partnership and your friendship are the heartbeat of this ministry.

Our summer time in Kenya

Phil spent all of June and July working on construction and Janice arrived July 15 to prepare for the two teams, seven from [Faith Alive Community Church](#), Pennsylvania, led by Pastor Matt and Mary Whistler, and 25 from [The Plans HE Has for You Ministries](#), Houston, led by Robert and Barbara Sims, who joined us at Haven for two weeks of ministry. The Faith Alive team arrived first and we ministered in a local hospital, giving badly needed blankets to the hospital and Bibles and prayer to the residents. (*Thanks to all that gave and made this possible*). The Pennsylvania team also stayed and helped the Houston team with the VBS events in two public schools and one at Haven for Joy Blessed, another Children's Home. We all had a day of fun with the children and they felt special and loved by Jesus when they left Haven that day. The Plans HE Has for You Ministries blessed around 800 students with backpacks full of school supplies, they also gave over 500 students shoes, and supplied uniforms for them. We are grateful to our dear Pennsylvania and Texas friends for loving our community and our Haven family.



200 blankets and 200 Bibles given

Meanwhile, construction and other activities related to the Haven infrastructure were going full force. The roof was constructed on the Dining/Meeting Hall and took two months to finish. During that time, we moved the Solar panels from their existing location to the roof of the Hall. Much planning went into that move and it was completed perfectly, resulting in less problems and many advantages over the original location. More pics and documentation on the move can be found at <http://throughthestorm.org/pictures.php?pic=dining%20hall>.

We began installing inexpensive solar security lights in key locations to eliminate the need of a torch (flashlight) when walking on our pathways.

Our Haven boys are a joy to be around! Some of them are on the verge of turning into men and all of them are hard workers, always ready to help. They have learned to share the love that has been given to them. Spending two months with the family and the two mission teams made for a special stay. *Phil & Janice*

*We love and appreciate you!! Thank you for all you do.
We could not do this without your prayers and support!
(Little by Little makes a bunch)*

My highlight moment

Since I have been back, people have asked what was my highlight moment from the trip. There were many, but the one that sticks out the most was when The Plans HE Has for You Ministries asked me to do the salvation message for around 500 children on the last day of VBS at Munyu-ini Primary School. I was seeking the Lord with prayer for a story that would get their attention and let them know His love and purpose for their salvation, and the Lord came through. When I finished telling the story I told them that just like the gifts they received today, if they did not take the gifts they would have left without them. They had a choice to take the gift of salvation or leave without it. I saw many bow their heads and as I prayed they took the gift of salvation that Jesus paid for. That was awesome!! *Janice*



Munyu-ini Primary School VBS

Current needs. Your prayers are important! (James 5:16):

- As we grow our needs are changing. We are looking into adding LP Gas (\$4,500) and a Solar hot water (\$1,000) to our kitchen. We are cutting timber on our land faster than it can grow and to purchase firewood would be expensive. To get the best gas prices, we will need to install a 1-ton LP Gas tank and pipe the gas to our cookers in the kitchen.
- Finances for the Haven's monthly operating expenses via special gifts and sponsors for the boys at Haven. (Currently we are at 76% of our sponsorship goals.) If all of our children are 100% sponsored, it would cover all of Haven's monthly operating costs.
- Many souls for the Kingdom of God.



Moving Solar Panels to Dining Hall

Phil and Dave Dowling's hard work comes to fruition!



Janice giving out blankets, Bibles and prayers at Gatundu Hospital in Kenya



Phil bonding with John Mwangi



The mission teams at Haven



Simon and Kelly made the scouts in their school. Proud of their accomplishment!

Together we are taking the Love of Jesus to the World!!

When you choose to sponsor one of these children for \$10 or more per month, you are changing a life forever!
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