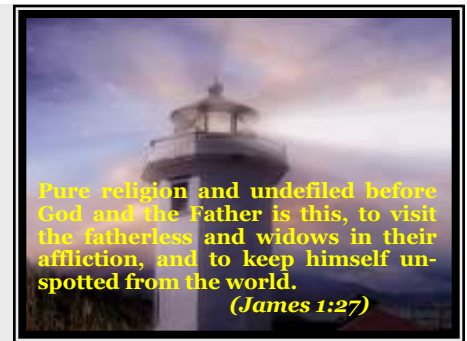


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Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
(James 1:27)

Dear friends and partners:

We can't thank you enough for your partnership of prayers and finances over the twenty two years that TSM has existed. None of what we have done or the people that we have affected for our Lord Jesus would be possible without you!

Kenya orphanage update

Oh, how things are changing! In this new school year, we have nine young men in secondary (high) school and 23 boys still in primary school. The secondary school boys have received their school assignments (based on their national test results) and are excited about starting their new schools which are scheduled to start their first term in late July.

Also, Kelvin Waithaka, our oldest, has graduated from secondary school **first in his class** and scored very high in his national exam. Kelvin's school is helping him apply for a **University scholarship** and we are praying and awaiting for approval, please pray for the Lord's will to be done in Kelvin's life.

In total, our 33 boys are attending 9 separate schools.

God' faithfulness

During my April/May stay at Haven, the President of Kenya had ordered churches, sit down eating establishments and other close contact businesses in 5 counties to temporarily close again. On Sundays, the Haven family worshipped together at Haven. One Sunday, one of our aunts was praying aloud and mentioned "...we haven't even missed a meal..." All of this while we were in our large Hall in comfortable chairs. I was overwhelmed by the goodness of our Lord in the midst of a plague and government restrictions. Psalm 91 came to mind. **Phil**

Update on new building construction

In less than one year, six more of our young men will be required to sleep in a room separate from the younger boys, bringing the total to 15. Currently, the only place we have for them is the bunkhouse which sleeps ten. This creates an urgent need for a secure place for the remaining five to sleep. In addition, when Mission teams spend time at Haven they have no place to sleep without displacing the younger boys from their own beds.

In mid April we began excavation on a new two story building designed to accommodate all of our housing needs for the foreseeable future. When I met with the contractor to stake out the building, he pointed to a low

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)

spot and asked if we wanted a basement room. We had not previously considered that additional space but immediately the benefits became obvious to us, namely enough



Basement apartment

room to more than meet our urgent need for the older boys to sleep, at a relatively small cost increase. We had \$74,000 of funds to start the building so we have enough to finish the founda-

tion as well as furnish the 17' x 25' basement area and install a new septic system, which will meet our urgent need



Foundation for building on top of basement

while our Lord supplies the funding for the rest of the building. This is another instance of God moving mountains for us at Haven! **Phil**

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

- Continued safety of our Haven family and community.
- Please keep our nation and Kenya in your prayers.
- Funding for new building and furniture. Estimated budget for completing is \$80,000. (Transportation costs have increased.)
- For Kelvin's scholarship and all our young men, that they continue to walk in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). **We are praying for you!**

Home at Haven

Brian, David, and Kelly are growing into awesome young men



Fred, Erick, Godfrey, Joshua, James, Lawrence and Simon are now going into High School



Boys working hard to level ground for the new building. Kennedy stopped to wave at the camera. :)



Allan Luke helping with laundry



John Mwangi learning about his American sponsor's family



Kelvin and Janice in March, 2021



Kelvin and Phil in 2008



Kelvin, 2008



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