



Garments of Praise

2011 Update - July

Our desire is to provide "HOPE, by Helping the helpless, giving the OIL of joy to those who mourn, supporting the Preaching of the gospel and Exchanging the "the spirit of despair with the GARMENTS OF PRAISE", to the end that God would be Glorified. Isaiah 61: 1-3

Dear Prayer Partners,
The latest Praises and Prayer Requests on the work of Garments of Praise in Kenya...

Our plans which we felt God leading us to accomplish, were to have a tailoring institute where the very poor and destitute can come to train through scholarships and where many who are lower income can attend on a small tuition.

Our Praises: We started 2009 with 5 students and closed out the first session of 2011 with 31 students. The May session began with 33. We have added another teacher and purchased more machines and chairs to accommodate the big increase.

It is nothing but the hand of the Lord that is preparing the way and making it smooth by touching the hearts of His people to

support His desire in Kenya. No one is more amazed than we are at what the Lord has done!! God has been gracious and things are moving forward in a steady and wonderful way. We started the 30 by 60 foot building to house the Tailoring Institute the first week of Feb and as

we finish each phase God sends funds to go on to the next. The building has all outside walls and the roof on and we have enough funds to get the doors and windows in. We are praying that we can dedicate the building in Dec 2011.



Most of the 2nd year students with teacher



The new building is almost finished!

We have also been able to meet the expenses of ten full scholarship students, 8 tailoring students and two Bible students. We are very excited that our first class

will graduate from this two year training program in December 2011. The bible students may choose to continue on another year for further training.

God arranged a wonderful "appointment" for us by connecting us with a very credible Christian man who works with Navigators Africa. His main job in Kenya is to train refugees and the poor of Kenya by helping them identify items to make and sell and how to develop and run an efficient business. He was in Tucson, AZ May 9th and we had a very productive meeting. He has recruited two Kenyan women who are ready to move forward in this training for new items to make and how to be successful in running a business. One will work with the Ethiopian refugees in Nairobi and one will work in Kangundo. Our plan in Kangundo is to use the building, when it is completed, to not only train students in tailoring but to start a manufacturing plant that can employ some of those trained. That is one reason we are so excited about Mr. Nduba's guidance in teaching how to manage and run a real business. He will help research the area and let us know if our idea to manufacture school uniforms for the surrounding schools is feasible. Since the sessions run three months



Some students in front of the new building

and are off one month all the equipment needed is sitting unused three months of the year. We would like to see full use and the expanded opportunities it can give. We will also have room in the building where we can have a beauty shop and training school. We have a young woman already trained who has her certificate to both practice hair-dressing and to teach.

The girls we have trained in Jewelry making are doing well but getting the jewelry to US to market is challenging. We are looking to train one of them in how to run a business so she can expand the products made and hopefully make products that will sell well in Kenya as well as other surrounding countries.

Our Desires: As we spend time in God's word we have come to passage after passage that shares how dear to God's heart the poor, destitute and the down-trodden are. The fact that many are our brothers and sisters, only sharpens our awareness of the need to help and to give them means to not only provide for themselves and their families but to be effective in sharing the most important thing they have, their salvation.

Our Thanks: We are very grateful for those who partner with us: those who support this mission with prayers and financial means and the wonderful Kenyans, Ethiopians, and Missionaries who support us by being on site to offer advice and practical day to day oversight. We are co-laborers with Christ as we labor to honor him.

OUR PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Open hearts for those who oversee the grants we have written to help this work move forward.
- Wisdom and love for the Kenyans who are working with us to train those in such great need for job skills.
- The "Next Step" in how to develop a solid plan for the training at the Eastleigh Evangelical Church in Nairobi.
- A large facility in Nairobi where we can both train and produce items to sell.

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Your co-laborers with Christ in Kenya,

The Garments of Praise Team

HOW TO HELP

Prayer: This is the foundation and power behind the entire work.

Host a speaker: We would be happy to share our ministry with your church or group.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love in words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

*Donations of any size are much appreciated and can be made directly through our website:
www.garmentsofpraisetoafricawithlove.org*

Our Foundation "Garments of Praise" was formed in May 2010, under National Christian Foundation—Heartland (formerly SCCF) to work with existing ministries in Kenya.

Our Mission is "to establish communities of hope in Africa through practical skills building" by working with established ministries there.

Our Goal is to offer, "**HOPE**": by providing Help for the helpless, the Oil of joy to those who mourn, to "Preach the Gospel to the poor" and to Exchange the "the spirit of despair with the GARMENTS OF PRAISE", to the end that God would be Glorified; as described in Isaiah 61:1-3.

Our Desire is to share this ministry with God's people to the end that they will have an opportunity to show the love of God according to I John 3: 17-18.

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