

Garments of Praise to Africa with Love

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Exchanging "the spirit of despair with the Garments of Praise"

- Help for the helpless, the
- Oil of joy to those who mourn, to
- Preach the Gospel to the poor and to
- Exchange the "spirit of despair with the Garments of Praise", to the end that God would be Glorified; as described in Isaiah 61:1-3

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FAITH...Sees the Invisible... Believes the Incredible...and Receives the Impossible!

Above is a quote taken from Uncle Ben's Quotebook, by B.R. DeJong and it is so true. Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, has been blessing Garments of Praise in such wondrous ways! The Evangelical Fellowship Church of Ethiopia began in early 1990's as a small fellowship by Christian refugees who had escaped from socialist persecution in Ethiopia and Eartrian Christians who came to Kenya for theology studies. This brave church, which is the last of 20 gospel churches to remain open in Eastleigh, has a very active ministry with home cell bible studies, children ministry, out-reach and street witnessing, worship leaders, counseling personnel, prayer groups and women's ministry. They are reaching lost souls within the surrounding Muslim communities, Ethiopian, Eritrea, Somali refugees, Kenyans and other nations represented in Eastleigh

with the Gospel of Jesus them. An urgent need for where they can worship, converts and prepare misareas, especially the refuby countries. They have a cost of \$350 per month, pense for this small fellowmaintain. Through your God, through Garments of the rental of this room for 3



Eastleigh Evangelical Fellowship Church

Christ and making disciples of them was to have a place 24/7 witness, and disciple the new sionaries to send to different gee camps on borders of nearbeen able to obtain a room at but this is a prohibitive exship of mostly refugees to prayers and faithful giving Praise, has been able to fund months. Pastor Samuel Jarso

was so incredibly grateful that he could not contain his tears of joy. He said that this has been Eastleigh Evangelical Fellowship Church's prayer for 12 years! Thanks to all of the faithful who demonstrate great devotion to God's work being done in Eastleigh. Our desire is to continue to assist in the funding of this room so that these faithful Christians will have a stable and secure place to meet.

Also, As Chosen To Serve (ACTS) Ministries is donating Bible tracts written in Swahili for those in the Eastleigh Evangelical Fellowship Church who are reaching the lost through personal and street witnessing. This congregation has a strong desire to share the Good News of the gospel with those in the large refugee camps along the borders that have no witness. We appreciate ACTS Ministries coming along side of us to further God's message of salvation to those in Kenya. We have a prayer answering God!

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Eunice showing her new skills



Making a Difference

Eunice, one of the first graduates from GOP Tailoring Institute, has not only earned her certification in tailoring, but has also obtained a job in a local tailoring shop! As a gesture of love and encouragement, one of our generous donors provided Eunice with a new sewing machine of her very own. Having her own sewing machine enables Eunice to bring in even more work and will further her ability to earn a living income. Eunice, who was orphaned at age 9, was told she was a burden to her family. She is now a confident, welltrained young woman who is grateful to God for a new life filled with hope for the future. Her life is truly a success story!

Through our partnering with Shalom Learning Center, we are beginning a new work, a feeding program for the children and their families. Our goal is for them to receive two meals per school day. Many of these families have been ravished AIDS/ HIV. Some of these children struggle to care for their younger siblings as they

Special Projects For Those Special To God's Heart



Shalom Learning Center Students

have become orphans, barely able to survive. Having regular meals will dramatically improve their health



HOPE for the and Hungry give them sound minds for learning. It is our desire to expand this program to even more impoverished families, by providing hope in Jesus' name. Thank you for your help and prayers to bring new hope and new life to these precious young lives.

So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer Ezra 8:23 NKJV

- Travel guidance and health for Will, Ilowee and the accompanying team as the Owens' travel this month to Africa for an extended stay
- Open doors and open hearts to minister
- Setting up a mission house to accommodate teams coming to minister in Africa

- Unity for the GPF Teams themselves and with our partners in Kenya
- Insight for the roll-out of our revised Sponsorship / Scholarship programs in May 2012
- Favor of the trustees overseeing our grant request to benefit the Eastleigh Refugee Women's Project
- Wisdom in overseeing present and developing projects in all ministry areas

Your Prayer Support is Vítal to Us!



Sally and Eric in the town of Tala

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The Timothy-Paul Project

Brief Summary of the UAEM Project and Purpose

The Timothy-Paul Project is designed to address the need for solid biblically trained pastors in areas far from the mission base in Kangundo, Kenya. There is a great hunger to know the Word of God and people beg

regularly for the mission to open a church near them. Eleven new UAEM churches have been started far from the mission base in response to these pleas, but some of these pastors are serving with little training. It is important that these pastors be well grounded in the Bible. Although their love for the Lord and their desire to serve Him is sincere, there is danger of them being misled through their lack of knowledge.

In the past, the mission attempted to have these pastors travel to Kangundo for training, but it was not successful as long travel and lengthy time away created a great hardship on them, their families and their churches.

The UAEM board would like four of their more experienced pastors to gain further biblical training through attending Windsor College's online study so that they could become better qualified to conduct three-week block teaching sessions for those far from the mission base. Because so few of the people have Bibles, they rely on the pastors to teach biblical truths. By better training these four leaders to teach the outlying pastors, the integrity of the Bible would



be upheld and many more souls could be reached with the Gospel.

Windsor College has graciously advanced us 4 copies each of the 27 text books required for the online courses. Please pray with us that we are able to reimburse Windsor College for the \$1,100 cost of the text books, as well as raise scholarship funds of \$1,400 per pastor for their tuition and online air time fees. Anyone wishing to help with this project, please mention Timothy-Paul Project books and/or scholarships.

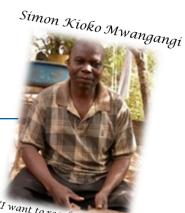
Praise and Thanksgiving to God

- The abundance of materials donated for those in great need and the team members traveling to Kenya to help carry the bags
- Completion of new DVD for sharing the Garments of Praise story
- Dedication of our new building in Kangundo on March 19th
- The rapid preparation of our own 501c3 charitable tax status under Garments of Praise Foundation



"I want to know more about God so that I can effectively help those who do not know the Lord"

These pastors have proven themselves faithful in ministry and desire to see others trained



"I want to reach more people who are lost in sin"

 The great effort in preparing the Sponsorship / Scholarship programs' unveiling

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How Can | Get Involved with Garments of Praise?

Sponsorship Program

Garments of Praise Sponsorship Program allows individuals and families the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to meet the daily necessary needs of many desperate and needy people in a world far apart from ours in many ways.

This sponsorship program was birthed by the vision of God to use willing vessels to make a difference in a land where "difference" is all that matters for most to have hope for change.

Our school sponsorship program provides each sponsored student hope for a bright future and an opportunity to break the chains of poverty that hold them captive in a destitute lifestyle that they cannot break without your help.

A generous monthly gift of \$28.00 will allow a sponsored student to be provided an enormous opportunity that will make a difference in his/her life. Each sponsored student will be provided with a quality education in a Christ honoring environment, medical attention, two meals per day, writing materials, uniforms, school supplies and daily bible teachings to foster a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Consider embracing an impoverished student in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and partnering with Garments of Praise to fulfill God's admonition in Isaiah 61:1-3 "to preach good tidings to the poor ... proclaim liberty to the captives ... and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." We appreciate your help in accomplishing our desire to bring "hope to the helpless."

Invite a Speaker

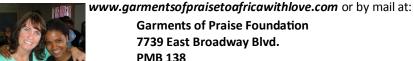
Consider hosting a speaker. We would be happy to share our ministry with your church or group. If interested, please contact us at 520-529-9255 or at hope@garmentsofpraisefoundation.com.

Join a Mission Trip

Teams are forming to minister in Africa throughout the year. Please contact us at hope@garmentsofpraisefoundation.com for additional information.

Donations Online or By Mail

We greatly appreciate any donation that you can make toward the work being done in Africa on behalf of these precious people. Donations can be made online at



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Garments of Praise does not promote dependency, but rather enables individuals to become self-sustaining through education, job skills training and the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

Thank you for being faithful in prayer for us!!! We fully realize that it is the major reason God works on our behalf to accomplish everything He has blessed us with. The Garments of Praise Team





Isaiah 26:12 " LORD all that we have accomplished you have done for us ... " NIV