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Dear Partners in the effort to cause joy in heaven and glory to God in Kenya:

It has been ten years since God called us to “follow” a direction of service He planned for us. We hope not to be boring but to re-cap what God has done, none of which would have been possible without God’s grace and your partnership in prayer and financial support. It is such a comfort to know we are part of a team effort that God has put together to bring His love and salvation to Kenya as well as rejoicing in heaven and glory to Himself.

**Luke 15:10 “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

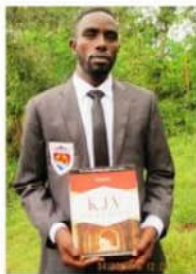


John is but one of many that the angels rejoiced over through our work in Kenya. He was a drunkard and neglected his family to satisfy his habit. Yet like the prodigal the Father yearned for his salvation and allowed us the joy of sharing God’s great love and deliverance with him. He now works tirelessly to support his family and six days a week is available at the Bridge of Hope, for several hours, to share the Gospel with those who are locked in darkness and the terrible chains of addiction.

**John 15:7-8 “But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! 8 My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father.” NLT**



Many of you “asked” with us for the Tailoring school, which has seen almost 100 young women and men learn a skill to help lift themselves and their families out of poverty; you have shared so many children at Shalom who live in poverty might have daily food and an education that would be impossible without you.



You “produced fruit” as many young men found salvation and a purpose to live through the starting of a “football team” and education at tech schools.

**Matt 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." NKJV**



Many in Kenya have seen your good works and God is being glorified as a well operates 6 days a week, providing clean water to a village of 2000; as homes are built to provide a safe shelter; as medicine is provided for many in need, some who may not have survived without it; as a place of worship is provided 24/7 where many have heard the gospel and received eternal life; as we prepare to purchase land to

provide a wholesome and clean place for the Shalom Learning Center to prosper; as the Word of God is being taught, in word and example, that God is their provider, not an American organization; as Satan is defeated in his attempt to bind with demon possession and lives are spared from suicide to go on to rejoice in God and serve Him.



#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Many there pray for us that God will "expand our borders" and truthfully at first we cringed as we felt our plate was more than full, but God opened our eyes to realize it is not our abilities, or capabilities but His great sufficiency that moves this work forward through His people's prayers. This last trip in March and April of 2016 opened up an awareness of a great need that we are praying about to see if God wants us to walk through this door. Pastors told of the growing problem of boarding schools spreading Satanism and of girls being demon possessed. On the land we are purchasing for Shalom Learning Center there is ample room to build not only a new school but boarding facilities.

**Luke 18:27 But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." NKJV**

As we look at it from man's view point it is impossible to even finish the 2 story building for the school let alone the boarding facilities. BUT if we only attempted what we could do where would be the great GLORY for God? God is so faithful to show us His heart (souls) and His great love for children. We don't want to "presume" but as we study His word we see over and over He tells us to "ask, knock, seek" and it will happen. The following quote is our desire, **"They were not men and women of great faith but men and women who by faith showed the greatness of their God"**.

We know God can and will raise up those who will partner with us in prayer as we seek His will and leading in this new adventure for His glory. Remember Joseph asked for man's help when he asked the butler to remember him before the king, man failed him **BUT God didn't!!** That is ever our confidence as we continue to walk as God leads in Kenya.

Blessings and grateful hearts to be called to serve such a great GOD

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