



Challenged by Isaiah 61:1-3 (NKJV) it became our desire to provide HOPE by bringing Help to the helpless, giving the Oil of joy to those who mourn, Preaching the gospel to the poor, and Exchanging the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, with the ultimate goal that God may be glorified.

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Dear Partners of the work in Kenya,

We are so excited about what the Lord continues to do for the Kenyan people, and how the Holy Spirit guides and directs the GOP leadership on both sides of the world.

Praises and Updates:



GOP leadership continues to wait patiently on the Lord concerning the purchase of the land for the Shalom Learning Center. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

Lindsey Spears was one of the members of GOP's September 2015 team. She was touched by the joyful attitudes of Kenyan children even though many of them are lacking basic items such as clothing, shoes and tooth-brushes. Lindsey will be returning to Kenya this September and will be bringing many things for these children. These items were donated through her place of employment.



Ilowee and Kusha, a Somalia refugee, and her two children, just has her medical shots to get before she can come to America. She has been living in a stark refugee camp while pursuing this nine year dream. Her father put out a contract on her life after she became a follower of Jesus. She was also beaten and put in jail because she shared Jesus.

This is a young man we put through chef school. He is now working as an attachment, which is like apprentice work.



Graduations: Pastor Samuel Jarso received a degree in Theology, and his wife Wagaye a degree in both Counseling and Teaching. Pastor Samuel is senior pastor for the refugees in Eastleigh and Wagaye counsels the women there as well as teaches and counsels young people in the slums. This joyous occasion is the result of a five year effort of Garments of Praise to help "Equip the Saints".

WELL: All three kiosks, selling water in the village of Katwanyaa, are operating and the people love having a well, some have remarked, "We have clean water now just like the towns"



Prayer Requests:



Pastor Sammy from the Eastleigh church has a sent a prayer request:

Dear Mum (Ilowee),

I want to mention one thing that God put in my heart. We trust God to help us start a small shop in the middle of our local Muslim community. It would be good to establish relationships with the Muslims in order to have opportunities to share the Gospel. Our idea is for it to be managed by the leaders of our women's fellowship. We can hire workers from women's fellowship which would help those who need financial support within our church. Mum, please support us in your prayer and share our vision to those who wanted to stand with our vision.

Grace Wayua Kivaya was born in 2004 and is in grade 6. She is a hard working girl despite her life challenges. She comes from a single parented family. Her mother who had been the bread winner is now bedridden since last year with a serious sickness. The family is struggling to bring food to the table and is under the care of their ailing grandmother. Shalom Learning Center has tried to cover Grace's school fees during the last year while hoping that her mother would eventually be back on feet again, but this hasn't happen. As a result the school fees have continued to accumulate. Be in prayers for God to open doors to provide for her education. She also needs notebooks and a new school uniform.



And finally continue to pray for ...

- ♦ The September Mission Team of 9 men and women from Calvary Tucson and Calvary White Mountain as they travel to teach and minister in churches, schools and rural villages areas from September 19th—October 3.
- ♦ Safe travel for Ilowee on August 27th and wisdom for the six weeks in Kenya to care for the work there and prepare for the Mission Team.
- ♦ God's provision for all areas of the work
- ♦ The land for the Shalom Learning Center to be cleared legally so it can be purchases while Ilowee is there and the construction of a safe clean school building can be started.

We are so grateful that God has opened so many doors of ministry opportunities for us: the tailoring school, the clothing manufacturing business, the borehole in Katwanyaa, Bridge of Hope addiction center, the resource room for the local pastors, and another mission team traveling to Kenya in September. Please pray that we continue to rely on Him for our strength and provisions, and that Ilowee experiences good health along with wise counsel.