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November Newsletter



Graduate students out to dinner with Marilyn.

Going Home

On the way back from Marilyn's October visit to West Virginia, she made a stop in Nairobi to have dinner with some of our students who are attending college there. She also did this in Eldoret and enjoyed a good time there too with many former students. Part of our commitment to changing these students' lives is to be there for friendship and counseling long term. Several of us Facebook with them and enjoy hearing their stories about college life and studies. In years to come, we'll think back to these cherished memories of times shared with these wonderful young Christians.

Halleluiah Thine The Glory

On July the 5th, Living Hope received an anonymous gift through the ADVANCE in the amount of \$5,000.00. We have no idea who sent it or from where, but we do praise the Lord for this generous gift. Whoever you are, thank you! This money will go towards construction of the Healing Hut, which is almost fully funded and we will be breaking ground in December.

Get Your Tupperware!

Lisa Harman in Petersburg had a Tupperware party with all the profits going to Living Hope. After cashing the checks, the amount collected was almost \$700.00. Thank you so much Lisa! We appreciate your generosity.

Bridgeport - State UMW

Living Hope had the cutest display at the Fall State UMW meeting in Bridgeport. Nothing like it seen near or far. Our stuffed doll had a high fever, a broken leg, an arm in a cast, and stitches in her head. We advertised for the Healing Hut and had a good response. Here is a list of the illnesses and emergencies that could have been treated at the Healing Hut if it had been completed. All of these occurred within the last three months, some were treated at the school by Catherine, our part-time nurse, and some had to be sent to the Bungoma hospital. Not only will the Healing Hut serve Living Hope but we will also treat emergencies in the community.

School illnesses and injuries

- 12 malaria cases
- 3 typhoid cases
- 4 pneumonia
- 1 TB
- 2 cuts requiring stitches
- 2 broken arms
- 1 broken leg

Community emergencies

- 1 heart attack
- 1 snake bite
- 1 poisoning
- 1 attempted suicide
- 1 lightning strike
- 2 babies delivered
- 1 child choking

Until the Healing Hut is constructed, we are going to use a temporary 12'x12' building with room for two sick children and one tiny examination room. To furnish this temporary facility, we need to obtain an exam table, one small desk and chair, electrical wiring, plaster and paint, and a filing cabinet. The linens have already arrived and were donated by Ellen Kirby, a retired RN and current sponsor for a form four student. Thank you Ellen. Donations for these items can be sent to Riverton UMC at PO Box 23, Riverton, WV 26814.



Science Lab in Use

Since completion, the Science Lab has been used every day and is now serving during senior tests as the official testing facility for the school. The government has sent armed guards to ensure the testing is honest and goes smoothly. I think you'll agree the Science Lab looks awfully official.



Christmas is Coming!

Kenyans celebrate the birth of our Savior in a much more serious and less commercial way. Everyone attends church, has a bigger meal than they are used to, and concentrates on God's gift of salvation to mankind. The only gifts that are given are possibly new church clothes from parents to children. Maybe we should take a lesson and follow this model to celebrate Jesus's birthday. If you want to send your student a gift, you still can. It will just have to wait until they come back to school on January 1st. Make sure you put the child's name-in care of Living Hope High School, PO Box 2376, Bungoma, 50200 Kenya.

It's a God thing

We've been very blessed to have Debbie and Gary Seldomridge join the mission team that is going to Kenya in January 2017. Both of these math experts are also experts on computers. By God's grace we have been donated enough new computers to completely resupply the computer lab at Living Hope. Now all of our students can have some limited access to learn about computer use. Thank you Debbie and Gary and First United of Keyser!

The Blessings that Living Hope has received after Marilyn returned to Kenya have been enormous. We can't thank our donors enough for their dedication, and we can't thank our Savior enough for His provision.

*Bwana asifiwe
In Christ, Helen*

Sweetest Letter of Hope and Encouragement from Sponsor to Student

Good Morning Joel,

We are glad to hear from you and that you are well. Carol & I received your previous e-mail with the dollar amounts you need for the 2nd semester housing and food. We will be able to deal with that and within the December 15th deadline with getting the funds to "Riverton". We should, in the spring, review and determine what your needs will be regarding 'Year' 2 (two) of your studies so that we can limit any surprises next year. With the changing politics and economy here in America, it is a good idea to plan ahead for both you and us so that we can help you successfully.

As to the "elections" here in America – Mr. Trump (Republican Party) won the election fairly and there is no dispute about that. Our system here has some difficulties when it comes to elections of public officials but mostly they are due to mechanical problems on voting machines and occasionally among wrongdoers. However, when we get a result, our people mostly pull together to give the newly elected officials a fair chance to do what they have promised during the campaign. Granted, there are some "protests" going on here now in the Nation by some who are unhappy with the result, however this is our system as long as the protests are peaceful. Those currently protesting are a minority of our population and it is part of our Democratic belief that citizens can 'peacefully congregate and protest' when they feel they have a dispute. This "Right" to 'peacefully protest' is part of our people's identity as a Nation. The female candidate Mrs. Clinton (Democrat) was believed, prior to the election, to have enough votes to succeed but the American people turned out to Vote in good enough numbers to provide a success for Mr. Trump. It is a fact that Mr. Trump made many unkind and disturbing comments during the campaign and those comments are part of the reason for the people protesting now. However, it is not uncommon for people campaigning for an election to say things (1.) untruthful, (2.) hateful and (3.) Un-Christian when being a candidate for an elected position. It should not be this way but human beings are flawed and many commit sins of language and then afterwards repent and try to do good works for the people. We will hope and pray that this is so here with our new President. We American's do pray that our new President looks to God's teachings, listens in his heart for God's Word and acts in the ways God would have him behave for the Nation.

Always remember Joel, corruption, meanness, hate and sin have existed within mankind since the events in the Garden of Eden. This leads many people in many lands to sorrow and misery and YET for you and Carol & I and all of those You & We Love; Our belief in God, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost – there is peace in our hearts because we know we are comforted by the true Father. Our time here on earth is just a passing time, a twinkle in God's eyes and there is redemption and saving Grace by our ways in believing and acting in the Words of Our Lord Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, we wish you a good day today and in the coming days. Continue to study well, learn all that you can and be kind to those around you. We send our Love to you, your family and friends. We continue to hope that your country's leaders look to what is best for all of you in Kenya. We pay attention to the goings on at the Living Hope School, through the postings on e-mails and social media here in America. Stay well and we wish you God's blessings. Talk with you later. Bill Bowen