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Be Thou my vision...



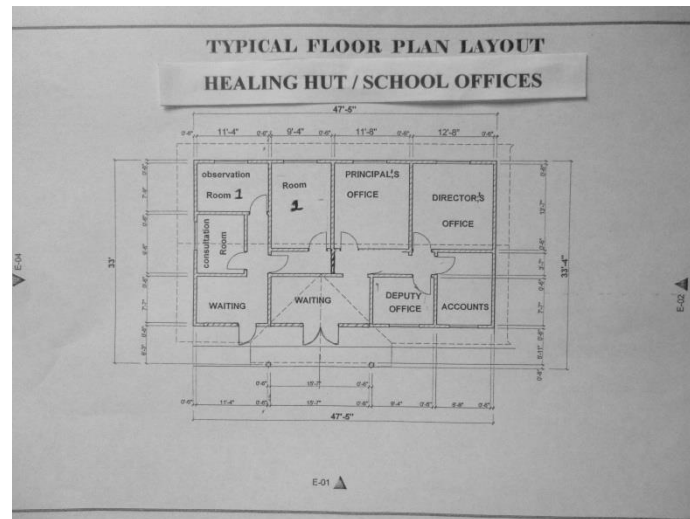
O Lord of my heart,

After three years of planning, raising funds, and hard prayer, the vision of the Science Lab is finally completed. The mission team was working on the foundation of this in 2015. Gradually, little by little funds were donated to finish the foundation, lay the bricks, set the windows, put up the rafters, finish the roof, install the plumbing and electricity, and install the beautiful terrazzo floors. Now it is completed. This past Friday, the girls cleaned the building and the windows thoroughly and the students moved in on Monday October 3rd. We are praising the Lord for His guidance, generosity, and faithfulness in completing this building. This is the last required building by the Kenyan Board of Education and now we are in complete compliance.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,

We have received final drawings from the architect of the Healing Hut / Offices. They need to be approved by the government, but if all goes well, approval should be a given. We've had many large donations for this much needed building, the latest coming from Jarrettown UM in Jarrettown, Pennsylvania. They have raised over \$8,000 towards this building. We forever thank them. We've tried to spend every penny wisely, and be true to our original vision. This building will be started in December 2016 and we hope to be finished by December 2018. It will have a waiting area for sick children, an examination room, and two observation rooms. One will be small and private and the other will accommodate up to four students. In the other half of the building there will be sorely needed offices for the principal, assistant principal, the director,

the assistant director, and the accountant. Right now some of these people have desks in Marilyn's house, or in a small little building without electricity, or just simply have to find a temporary place to sit and do their work. What a blessing this additional space will be for both the students and faculty. We even have someone in mind who will be hired to take care of the sick students after the nurse visits every day. This will give us room for the mission teams to stay in one of the dorms. God's leading us to make this vision become a reality.



Great God of Heaven, my victory won,

Marilyn arrived in West Virginia last Wednesday, September 28th and spoke last Sunday in Morgantown at two churches, Fairview UMC and Woodland UMC. We are asking for sponsors for new students in January and to help our two college students who still need additional funding, Nicodemus Simiyu (needs two sponsors at \$200 a month) who is studying building construction and Tobias Mwikulo (needs \$200 per month) who is studying plumbing engineering. Please don't forget the supper gathering on Wednesday October 12th at 5:30pm at Main Street UMC in Petersburg. You are welcome to come. The ladies always treat us to a great dinner. Marilyn will be speaking about all the latest news at Living Hope.



May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun,

The mission team is full and will be having our final planning meeting at Sandy Binotto's on Saturday October 15th at 1:00pm in Romney. Our theme is Christmas in January. We're thinking that January 6th Epiphany would be a good time for our school animals and students to participate in a living crèche for the whole community. We'll let you know how this goes as plans progress. We may even have a camel coming to give camel rides.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Just a reminder to please send your Christmas gifts very soon. The students will leave in mid-November and it takes three weeks for the packages to get there. A watch, battery operated alarm clock, socks, handkerchiefs, anything small will be a grand gift. Thank you for caring for your students and brightening their days. If you want to send a letter of encouragement as they begin their end of term tests, please do so quickly. The freshmen will be beginning their tests next week.



Classroom in Science Building



Moving books into the Science Building



The first students to enter new building



Students at work on their science studies

We are thanking our Savior for His protection, wisdom, and strength. We pray that we can always be a light in the darkness and acknowledge Him as our leader and ruler. Amen.

*Still be my vision, O Ruler of all,
In Christ, Helen*