

## **THE WEAVERS IN KENYA**

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Dear praying friends,

We want to share with you our joy at God's miraculous answer to prayer and thank you for your part in praying for these prayer concerns we shared with you recently. Ps. 34:17 says, "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles."

- The cement factory was going ahead full steam with the front perimeter wall coming up, the ground staked out and workers on site to begin construction. The Indian owner had told my husband that no one would stop him on this project. It seems that God had other things in mind. Even though we know he had bribed everyone concerned and said, "he knew how to work the system here in Kenya", the project came to a halt. During the Ladies Conference here at Camp Lukenya over the weekend of June 1-2, 130 ladies from several Independent Baptist churches went up to the fence and prayed for God to move the factory. With all the men working, it looked like an impossible request. Two days later all of the equipment was moved away and most of the stockpiles of sand, cement blocks and building supplies were removed. The temporary worker's homes were flattened with only one remaining for a worker watching over the remaining supplies. This answer to prayer really encouraged our hearts at a time when we needed it the most. What a great God we serve!
- This week Joel met with the leading realtor in Kenya who has been attending our church for more than a year and is joining Emmanuel with his wife on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Amazingly enough the Indian owner of this plot next to us called this man & asked him to sell the property next to us and to help him find another suitable plot for a cement factory in another area far from this site. This realtor will insure that the plot goes to someone who will use it wisely. Isn't that just incredible? Of course the Indian has no idea of the connection between Joel and the realtor. We are truly grateful for how God is working in this situation.
- The Ladies Retreat was also the best we have had yet. We had more attend than ever before and the ladies said what a great blessing it was to them. I received such a blessing from hearing the three Kenyan ladies speak. I was so impressed with their godly spirit and how their lives truly reflect mature Christianity. The topics were from the book, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver. It is a great book. I also enjoy seeing so many of the Kenyan ladies from our various fellowship churches that I have known for decades.
- One of our twins, Jared, who lives in Largo, Florida, got engaged on June 7<sup>th</sup> to Danielle Allison. They have been dating for a year and a half. She is a Christian and an R.N. who works with preemie babies in a hospital. We have never met her but feel like we know her from her emails and Skype conversations. Pray for them as they plan to wed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. We look forward to meeting her at the wedding!
- On June 22<sup>nd</sup> we are having a church baptism. We have had more church attendees getting baptized which is a big step for many of them. A lot of Kenyans are baptized as babies and think that is all they need. So we are excited to see more Kenyans join and get actively involved in church.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for laboring together with us here in Kenya. Please continue to pray for the unresolved tax exemption issue. The Kenya Budget Day is today with an economy full of troubles. With a bloated cabinet and coalition government, a soaring inflation rate of at least 27% since January on fuel and food costs, food production at an all-time low due to the post-election violence and destruction of many food-producing farms and the world economy, the year ahead will prove to be a tough one. We continue to pray for God's leading concerning the tax situation. Our dollar value has also declined greatly in the past year and a half and our exchange rate is very low. So we receive less income to pay higher prices in every expenditure. Gas this week is selling at \$7 a gallon. We know that just as surely as God has answered all of these prayers listed above, He will continue to meet our needs just as He always has throughout these past 30 years in Kenya. May this be an encouragement to you today.

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