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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Happy Easter from the Shelby family. It is a great time of the year, and as we remember the Resurrection of our Saviour, it is comforting that no matter how difficult life seems, He is living in us and He will help us face tomorrow.

Since coming back to Kenya from furlough, I have wanted to start a church in our town of Kisii. There are over 85,000 people here, and they need a good church. I had been looking for a place to meet and started doing some general visitation to people with whom I already had contact. Recently, another church closed down in the area because of problems that they could not solve between themselves, and the property was given to us to use by their missionary, who lives in another part of the country. The Lord enabled us to do some painting and general clean up and we had our first service as CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH on Easter Sunday with 100 in attendance with six adults getting saved. God has blessed during the last month with 24 other adults being saved during soul-winning and market preaching. Praise the Lord!! He is good!!

This property will be our base for this area, and we are already using it for South Nyanza Baptist College, because of the problems that I mentioned in our last letter with other pastors in Rongo. The Lord is blessing and opening so many doors to preach the Gospel in markets, schools, colleges, prisons, supermarkets, and others. We have a big chain of supermarkets here in Kenya known as "Nakumatt." Our store has devotions every morning for their employees, and they have invited me to come and lead it for them. It is amazing. Please pray that we can get this church on its feet so we can reach this city for Christ.

The property that we have been handed has cost the other missionary \$18,000 in buying the land and the buildings. He has given us a year to pay it off. Please consider this as a special offering and put the memo as "Kisii Property for Luke Shelby." For the time being we are using this for the college also, but we are looking at a Town Youth Hall that just became available and we can do some partitioning of dorms and classrooms to serve the purpose for the college.

Please continue to pray about our support level. Over the last two months the rate of the dollar has fallen and from our support level we have lost about \$500-\$600 when we convert it to Kenya Shillings. Please pray about these needs. We love you, and God bless you.

For souls in Kisii,

Luke and Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya

*"To give light to them
that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of
death..." Luke 1:79*