



The Shelby Family



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

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Dear Prayer Supporters,

Jambo from Kisii, Kenya. We are excited to inform you that many things have shown the hand of the Lord being with us over the last two months. I was in a wreck, where I was the only one in the vehicle. The only injury was me skinning my forehead on the windshield. The matatu (passenger van) that was in front of me was full of people. It abruptly stopped (without any brake lights) to pick up another passenger that waved at them to stop. We are thankful that no one else was injured. **God is so good!**

Also Tonya's trip to the States with the kids is confirmed; they will be leaving on September 16. I will also be spending one month in the States with them; I will be flying out on October 6, because I have to wait for the ruling of the court case that we mentioned in an earlier letter about the church in Rongo. Then we will all be returning to Kenya on November 13. The total price of the all the tickets is just under \$9,000, and to date we have received just over \$5,500 for this need. Abigail already has appointments in the Chattanooga area the same week that they arrive in the States. **God is so good!**

The displaced pastor has moved back to the area of his church in Kuresoi, and his church is growing. Many churches were burned down, but his was spared. Many are flocking to him, because he has shown the courage to return and rebuild his life. He has been there for about six weeks, and this month he has plans on moving his wife and five children to start afresh. The commitment of this young man is overwhelming. Please pray for Pastor Richard Gesanda and Glory Bible Baptist Church in Kuresoi. **God is so good!**

Calvary Baptist Church—Kisii Town

The month of August has been busy, because it is a break month in the school system here in Kenya. So we try to have different meetings to help boost the attendance. We had a Vacation Bible School for a couple of days and a Ladies' Camp for our own ladies and pastor's wives. Tonya taught on the Christian Home and the work of ladies in the church. It was a very good success, and they are planning for it to be an annual event. The most encouraging aspect of the meeting is the cooperative effort to hold the meeting of planning, cooking, cleaning, and totally supporting the meeting by our ladies of Calvary Baptist Church. God is blessing us with solid people. We are undergoing the writing of a Constitution, and we should have the Organization Service for this church by the end of the year. We will also be finalizing the agreement of purchasing the property for this church from another missionary in October. We have been using it for the past 1 1/2 years.

Please pray for these needs:

- Safety traveling to the States.
- September 30 — Ruling date for the court case in Rongo.
- Pastor Richard Gesanda moving his family to Kuresoi.
- \$3,500 remaining on plane tickets.
- \$1,500 for vehicle repair (for the damage caused by the wreck)

Thank you for your prayers,

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