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Dear Friends, October 2013

"loaves and fishes"

Our August 2013 trip to Kenya and Uganda was truly supernatural. Having struggled to raise funds to cover the costs of the trip and to bring support to the local churches we witnessed God's grace. Only a week before we left an anonymous donor gave us \$17,000 for the completion of a Christian radio station in Kampala. In addition our local church and private donors provided a significant offering to help cover our costs and we were off on our mission. And thus began our whirlwind of unexpected events.

At the Chicago airport our concerns of overweight baggage disappeared as we were ushered thru customs as dignitaries. Arriving in Kenya we visited a farm property intended to provide support to 30 families. With our financial help they can dig a well, purchase a pump and secure electricity. After over 10 years of waiting they are in operation. With auto parts donated from the US a truck with over 800,000 miles is now fixed and running. After ministering at the Niarobi church the Pastor told us they had never heard such messages and hoped we would return next year.

Traveling to Uganda we passed inconspicuously thru customs again without concern of our boxed TV's and the ultrasound machine. With the \$17,000 for the radio station other monies were released to cover the costs of the conference. And we witnessed 1000's of pastors and ministers attend meetings all week long. After the last service the Pastor told us it was the best conference they have had in 25 years. He said the messages had been well received and all his people were greatly encouraged: God had shown up! We also visited and prayed at the Nakyessa School and orphanage with over 600 children while delivering a TV, DVD's and candy. At the inner city Antioch church we delivered 20 bicycles and 100 bibles printed in Lugandan. And the reports keep coming in: a pastor with his bicycle can visit 7 families in a week which used to take a month, a pastor uses her bike to collect water for 3 communities from a nearby lake, another pastor uses his bike to bring supplies to remote families, and a pastor reported using the bicycle to take injured people to the hospital. A young man told us with tears in his eyes, this was the first bible he had ever received, and another person used her bible to witness to 3 Moslem women and led them to salvation. We also prayed and ministered at multiple services and they have reported many healings. A man was healed of epilepsy, a woman of syphilis, another women had multiple tumors disappear and after 5 years of suffering a man was healed of a serious colon problem. Praise God! We also delivered a \$25,000 ultrasound machine to a clinic delivering 30 babies a month which we had qualified for and purchased at the humanitarian rate of \$2650. Grace and favor. We also introduced a water purification program to 3 churches and left them with the equipment. And for evangelist/pastor David Matovu who operates an orphanage with 107 children we received an unexpected donation of \$15,000 to construct 3 buildings on property he owns. This will allow his orphans to move to better conditions which has been his prayer for over 7 years.

To all of you who supported us financially and prayed for us, you have made this possible. We thank you and pray a 100 fold blessing over you and God's favor. We will never know how many lives have been healed, changed and saved. But rest assured God does and it's all part of His economy. How privileged and blessed we are to be a part of it. To God be the Glory. Although there was so much accomplished by this trip, we can see there is still much God wants to do and so we look forward to next year. PTL!

Blessings

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