



MARTINS IN KENYA

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Peace in Kenya Good News! The Government and the Opposition Party have reached an agreement. The post election violence is now a just bad memory. There will be a Prime Minister post for the Opposition Party leader as well as the current office of President. For now, things are peaceful. Everyone is relieved as business slowly returns to normal. There are still people in refugee camps, but the government is trying to relocate them. Thank you for all of your prayers. It is only God who could have brought about this peace.

Teen Challenge John and I have been living at the Teen Challenge center for the past 6 weeks. We officially opened on February 5 with 2 students. We have been “practicing” on them ☺ as we learn the basics and get a routine in place. Oh my goodness, do we have a lot to learn! We have 6 staff plus John and I. This is a residential facility operating 24/7. There must be 2 staff on duty at all times.

We have been talking with a young man who lives at the coast. He is an Asian (East Indian) Muslim addicted to rohypnol (date rape drug), marijuana, and alcohol. He also smokes 40 cigarettes a day. He will need to go through detox before we can take him as we are not a medical facility. We expect an amazing testimony from this young man someday.

Today we went to the mental hospital here. It is a very difficult place to visit. There is a young man being held there because he cut his mother with a broken mirror when he was drunk. Some of our staff are familiar with him and say he is very normal when not drinking. We are trying to determine how violent he will be. As we entered the hospital grounds we were immediately surrounded by patients. They think John is a priest. They all want to be released, of course. One young man who was in a stupor walked up and gave me a small tail-light bulb from a car. I began to think that perhaps our

visits there are like a bright light in a world of demonic darkness. I will put that bulb on a chain and wear it whenever we go there. The hospital keeps the patients sedated to keep them under control. There are too few staff to handle the load. It is difficult to describe how sad this place is. As we were ministering to these men, I wept asking God to help me understand why they are there in these awful conditions. I was able to speak a few words of blessing to them in several tribal languages. We prayed with them, and as we were leaving they asked if I would come back and preach there sometime. How could I refuse? This is where Jesus would be if He were here.

New Property! The Kenya Assemblies of God has offered Teen Challenge the use of a ½ acre property that has a tabernacle, 35' X 60', already on the land. There is also a small iron sheet building in place. We heard of miracles of property being given to other Teen Challenge centers, but we were amazed that it happened so soon here. We have 16 months on the lease at our current property. That will give us time to build a dorm, a kitchen, and finish the walls on the tabernacle. The tabernacle can also serve as a dining hall and classroom. With our own facility we will no longer have to pay rent which will help the center become self-sustaining more quickly.



John with Teen Challenge staff in front of the tabernacle which needs foundation, floor, walls, windows, doors and all the rest.

Need some help!

We are now asking for teams of people to come and help us build. Here are some of our needs:

- 1) We would like to pour a cement floor and put walls up on the tabernacle so that we can use it as a dining room/study hall during the week for the students and then as a church on Sunday.
- 2) There is also a need for a kitchen and a dorm that would house about 20 students.
- 3) There are no AOG churches in this area so a crusade could be done in connection with the building.
- 4) Anyone who wants to preach a chapel or teach a class to our students or staff at the center would be very welcome.
- 5) We hope to have a Teen Challenge choir so anyone with musical gifts would also be appreciated. We have a keyboard and a guitar.
- 6) We would like to landscape the plot so that it looks nice.
- 7) We are looking for micro enterprises to help fund the center. John is teaching quilting currently. We also want to make African jewelry. Anyone who could teach skills in carpentry, welding, etc. could be put to good use while they are here.

If your church would like to send a team, please contact us by e-mail.

If you cannot come personally but would like to help financially then please send your donation to the TC BUILDING PROJECT address at the end of this newsletter. That would allow us to get started and buy materials and hire labor.

Group Homes During the election violence we were unable to travel around to the children's group homes. Now that peace has returned to Kenya some of the children will be moved from the Kenya Kids Rescue Center into the new homes later this year. Because of our full-time involvement with Teen Challenge we will be less involved with the building of the homes. We will still be involved in the lives of the children.



Anne cooking lunch at the Teen Challenge house.

Your Sacrifice As we were looking over your giving statements John and I were blown away by your sacrificial giving. How could it be that you love the Lord and us enough to trust us with your hard-earned money? We are thankful beyond words. May God bless your families, your businesses and your lives as you help us to change lives here in Kenya!

Love, **John and Anne**

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