



Children With Hope - May 2007

Greetings from Colorado and *Children With Hope*.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you *hope* and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

We continue to realize how God’s plans and timing are always just right. We have seen God move in some exciting ways since our last newsletter, so allow me to bring you up to speed.

We asked in our last newsletter for prayer in regards to an American couple in Idaho named Horace and Phyllis Leister. You may recall that this is the couple that has felt God leading them into orphan ministry in Africa. It is a real pleasure to announce that Horace and Phyllis have been offered, and have accepted, the position of Children’s Home Administrators with *Children With Hope*!

Horace and Phyllis, along with their three younger children, tentatively plan to make the move to Eldoret, Kenya in the fall of this year. This is an absolutely critical step forward for *Children With Hope*, as well as a direct answer to prayer. Having an American family on the ground in Eldoret has been a very important need for us, and so this is a tremendous blessing. The Leister’s path to *Children With Hope*, and us to them, is one of those exciting series of events, which it seems that only God could have planned. We are so blessed to have the Leister family on *the Children With Hope* “team” and we’re confident that God has specifically prepared them for this very special task.

We continue the work toward becoming a recognized entity in Kenya and that process has now picked up some steam. One of the initial requirements is that at least one Kenyan must be on an initial committee to set up the NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in Kenya. Tim Foley and I stayed with an American missionary while in Kenya in December, and his wife, Grace (who is Kenyan), has agreed to play his important role for us. Grace is a blessing and is in a unique position. As a Kenyan married to an American, she has experience and exposure with both cultures. Keith and Grace are yet another example of God’s hand of provision and timing for *Children With Hope*.

Our primary contact on the ground in Kenya, Justus Amunga, was here in Grand Junction for a brief visit. He and I both had an opportunity to share in our church the Sunday of his visit. I know he was blessed by the reception and wonderful generosity of our church family while he was here. This was an exciting time, as so many who have prayed and financially supported *Children With Hope* were able to see Justus in person. I believe this helped put a “face” to the work being done in Kenya.



We recently overcame another of the very few remaining hurdles in securing the title for the land. Justus, who is acting as our trustee, has secured the information/paperwork needed from the woman that we purchased the land from, so Lord willing, the final steps for the title will be completed very soon.

Our current prayer requests include:

- 1) Securing the final pieces for title for the land
- 2) Quickly being able to become a legal entity in Kenya
- 3) Approval for tax exempt status in Kenya
- 4) The Leister's move to Kenya: visas and all the necessary paperwork getting done quickly and correctly.
- 5) Finances for the different buildings that need to be constructed
- 6) Continued prayer that we will be wise as we wait on God's timing for all of the above.

Thanks to all of you who have and continue to lift us up in prayer!

If you are interested in providing a donation at this time, our usual donation form is included, which you can use to mail with your gift to *Children With Hope*. Our address is listed below.

The initial buildings where there is still a need for construction funds include:

- 1) Large storage building for tools and construction materials
- 2) Kitchen and common area for eating, studies, meetings, devotions, etc.
- 3) The children's homes
- 4) Home for the American administrators and their family
- 5) Shower house

If you have been making monthly donations, I'd like to encourage you to continue to do so, we really appreciate your help in this way. If you're interested in starting to do so, that would be great. Included are some monthly reminder forms which you may use if you wish.

Your questions and input are welcome any time. Thank you very much!

In Christ,

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