



"Being steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

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One day Dr. Martin Luther was worried about many things forgetting how great, immutable and gracious God was. As he went down to breakfast, coincidentally, his wife was dressed in black clothes as if someone had died. Dr. Luther said, "Oh, who has died?" Mrs. Luther answered, "Don't you know? God is dead." Dr. Luther said, "How can you say such a foolish and wicked thing? How can God die? He will live through all eternity. He never changes. He can never die." Mrs. Luther said, "Then, why are you so discouraged if God is still alive?" It is a blessed thing to remember again and again that we serve a great God. Asaph in Psalm 77 reminds us that in the times of trouble and discouragement, we need to remember God and seek Him for help, we need to remember God's character, and we need to remember God's works in salvation, providence, and creation.

Beloved, we are so thankful for the greatness of our God and we place our hope in Him daily as He leads our lives. We are sincerely thankful for your prayer support, your financial support, and your patience in the past months. By the of July, we were totally stressed, the month of August begun with a short time for preparation for ordination and commissioning as well as leaving the States for Kenya. Many things needed to be done so quick and there was no much time left and the desired extension to stay a little longer had not come. We thank you all who have been part of our lives in America; your participation will never be forgotten. We know how much you were involved: prayers, finances, time invested, and more than anything else is your exemplified Christian love and friendship. We left the States on August 17, 2006 and we arrived in Kenya on the evening of August 18, 2006. This was exciting for us as a family and with Grandma Karen Houghton. Nevertheless, we lost our electronics due to-the London restrictions, notably, a video projector; video and digital picture camera; 2 Dell lap tops; computer external speakers; adaptors; etc, all worth about \$5000. You can imagine how discouraging that was to be kept out of those things you are used to as norm. After following up with a claim for the items, British airways have communicated that they could not replace them.

We struggled also for a little while trying to get a good vehicle and a home that is secure and suitable for beginning our ministry. We have been reminded again that making a home takes time. We are thankful that finally God answered your prayers and we have those two important things. We have also been faced with a challenge of communication both internet services, which are unreliable and expensive (\$150 @ month), and telephones or cell phones that are very expensive not only calling within but much more when calling abroad (about \$30 for 15 minutes). It was a shocking experience for Edna and I to note how expensive things were due to inflation and that we had understated the prices of many things. We were really blessed to have Karen Houghton with us, please bless her with a hug at least for her courage and a heart of service. We were also encouraged so much to have Rosenaus visit with us on their way to South Africa. We are so thankful for you all praying and investing in us and more than anything else in reaching the people of Kenya for the Lord Jesus Christ.

As a family, we are so thankful for God's goodness. Edna is keeping up with the kids and making our home livable and prepared for our small Bible study every Saturday. Ian, Regina, and Rena are starting to use few Swahili words and that makes our home a fun place. Please keep on praying for them since they are so much attached to Iowa and they dislike our bumpy roads. Due to a great desire from some of our contacts, we started a Bible study at our home two weeks ago: 1st meeting we had 8 adults and 2nd meeting we had 12 adults. These people are seriously hungry for the word of God and longing for the time that we begin a church. Please pray for them name by name: Simeon & Roseline Koech; Cohn & Jennifer Kibet; Joel & Caroline Kimurgor; Isaac & Naomi Maritim; Monica Sang; and Ben Rotich. It is our desire to spend several weeks even months in a Bible study form before we begin the transition into a church form. Please pray and pray and pray and never weary to pray for us.

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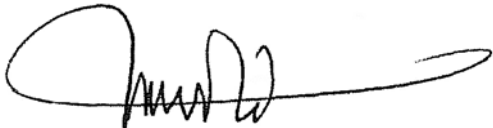
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Here are some things about which to pray. It is our desire to be able to replace some of the needed equipment we lost, that my books will arrive soon and safe, school for our kids, good health as we get acclimated to the new climate, meeting our family needs as well as ministry needs as they arise, financial support to reach 100% as churches make decisions in the next months, salvation and needs for our extended family as well as those that we witness to on a daily basis, registration of BMM in Kenya, dependent visa for our kids, our spiritual growth and God's wisdom in developing a new ministry, the growth of our Bible study and future plans, and for reliable communication system that we might reach you more often. Please pray that as we get acquainted with many people and places and get settled, we can plan to have you come and serve with us as God leads. Pray also for our colleagues, the Kirsteaters as they raise their support for we need them here the soonest.

We are so thankful for the great work that God has done in you and through you and please know that our prayers are with you. We thank you for the gifts towards Ian, Regina, and Rena's birthday as well as your continual sacrificial giving towards our ministry. We love you all and we miss the States, particularly you, the people we cherish in serving our very present and great God.

"Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you" (Jude 2).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stephen & Edna Muindi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Ian, Regina, Rena