



## “Shoulder to Shoulder” “Bega Kwa Bega” Kenya, 2010

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Dear Kenya Partners:

I arrived home Monday about 1:30 PM; exhausted and sick but filled with great joy!

"O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. **The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.** He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God." Psalm 98:1-3

Only the Lord knows everything His right hand and holy arm accomplished in Kenya. We saw Him save, deliver, heal, and move in our hearts. We were eye-witnesses of His glory as He raised to life over 1900 who had been spiritually dead. He healed a baby that had been given up to die by the doctors. His Spirit moved in my heart and forever changed me.

I was encouraged by one of my Kenya partners to: "Go in the power of the Holy Spirit and it will be an unforgettable time." My most memorable and precious times were when I felt the Spirit's prompting and obeyed. Here are a few examples:

1. On the flight to Kenya, I listened to several sermons on loving the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. The Spirit moved on my heart showing me where I was falling short and brought tears of repentance.
2. I was given the opportunity to give my testimony the first Sunday night at the crusade. I was amazed by the things the Lord prompted me to say and the grace He gave me to stand before the crowd and speak.
3. He gave me physical strength. On the second night, I was so exhausted that I told the Lord I didn't know how I was going to make it. His Spirit prompted me to ask for increased boldness to share Jesus' love. As I stepped out of myself and my comfort zone, He increased my joy and my physical strength.
4. He prompted me to share Jesus with a group of children at a school who did not attend the school. All of them asked Jesus to come into their hearts!
5. He gave me the opportunity to encourage and pray with teammates. I watched with great joy as the Spirit moved powerfully in their lives. One person stepped out in the power of the Spirit to boldly lead many children to Christ!
6. One morning on the long and bumpy ride to Athi River, the Lord gave our music team a precious time of sharing. He moved powerfully among us; breaking off bondage and setting us free from the enemy's lies as we shared openly and honestly about our struggles.
7. He gave me the opportunity to share Jesus with adults at Athi River and Huduma and saw them come to life in Christ.
8. He increased my boldness to share Jesus even though some adults chose not to respond to the gospel at that time.

I have so many memories. My heart was changed; my life will never be the same. The Lord showed me what it really means to forsake everything to be His disciple. I was moved by the extreme poverty that is part of their daily life but even more moved as I looked into the eyes of many who were severely malnourished and hugged children whose clothes covered their very thin bodies.

I felt prompted to feed the poor and gave two-thirds of the money I brought to Jeff Anderson who channeled the money to needy families. (We were told not to give money directly to the Kenyans.) At the end of the trip, Jeff told me that some of the money I gave went to a family with 17 children. The money was received with tears of joy because it meant they could feed their entire family for a month. They only get one meal a day and are always hungry.

My heart was filled with joy as I received your notes of encouragement!! The Lord used your notes and prayers to give me much needed strength. I would often wake at 4 AM as I heard the notes being slid under the door. Your notes were delivered with the "Nairobi News", a daily report of what the Lord did the previous day and our schedule for the current day. I read your notes and the Nairobi News every morning before going back to bed. I am so grateful to the Lord for you because I received at least one note every day!

After giving my testimony, I felt particularly vulnerable and asked the Lord to give me notes from home. He answered my prayer the next morning. I received SIX notes from you! As I spent quiet time with Him that morning, He prompted me to ask Him for a note from Home. His note was from Hebrews 10:19-20 where He reminded me that I have access to boldly enter the holy place because of the blood of Jesus! The holy place is where His presence is and where priests of God (that's us) go to offer sacrifice, petition, and praise! I loved His note from Home because I knew I could come to Him regardless of how I felt!!

As financial and prayer supporters, you will receive the same reward as those of us who went to Kenya. I pray that the Lord has filled you with joy as you read my small account of some of the things God did in and through me. I also pray you are filled with joy as you view the pictures and watch the videos on the Grace website. I will put some of my photos on my personal website and let you know when they are available.

May God richly bless each of you for your partnership with Him in this Kenya mission trip and for your labor of love in prayer for me and the rest of the team.

One final note; God was true to His promise regarding financial support. I did not need a scholarship and received \$30 more than what was required! To God be the glory!!

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