



# The Safari Scoop



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## *The Missionary Adventure*

Dear Prayer Partners,

When you are a missionary, just coming home can start an adventure. The other day Julia was watching our children so we could go to the store. We arrived home to find a bucket tipped over, water all over the floor and a sense of panic in the air. Julia rushed in yelling, "Rebecca is having the baby." Rebecca is the wife of the man who has worked for us for many years. Lisa said "What? The baby is not due for 2 months!" She went out to find her in labor. Rebecca was put into the car and rushed off to the local clinic. Within thirty minutes twins were born. The two boys were very small and not breathing properly so we rushed to the hospital. I was driving frantically as Lisa held one baby trying to keep him breathing. We arrived at the hospital and began to pray. Unfortunately, neither of these babies lived longer than 24 hours. At the funeral, the family was comforted with the message of hope: "Mourning will turn to Rejoicing." We thank God that we have been able to minister to Boniface and Rebecca who have faithfully ministered to us.

Pastor Allan called me and said, "It's a girl." As you know we started a dairy project last year. This dairy hopefully will help to provide milk for our two MANNA Worldwide Feeding Centers and Schools but also help supplement the finances through selling of the excess milk. We are so happy to report that we have had a baby girl calf born at the farm. Please pray that this project will move forward. We still have 2 more cows that need to give birth. We want our centers to be as self-sufficient as possible and we know God will do it. This is our first step in that direction.

## Praise Reports:

- ☞ Salvation of 22 people and 12 baptisms.
- ☞ Donation of \$28,000 to build at Good News Academy, Majaoni
- ☞ Donation for High School Project Land
- ☞ Over 100 men attend Pastor's Conference
- ☞ New Ministry reaching 15 couples for discipleship



**Crossroads Baptist Institute Pastors Conference**

## Prayer Needs:

- ☞ Pray for ministry support.
- ☞ Pray that God will help to raise funds for all the many projects we are attempting in His name.
- ☞ Pray for Boniface and Rebecca in the loss of their twin boys.
- ☞ Pray that God would guide us as we prepare for furlough in September.
- ☞ Pray for safety as we travel with two little boys half way around the world.

## PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

We are happy to report that the first annual Crossroads Baptist Institute Pastor's Conference was a great success. We had over 100 men attend the three days of meetings. Our theme was "Effective Communication of the Gospel Message." Our guest speaker was Dr. Guy Conn from Wisconsin. He gave some very practical and biblical instructions. I also got to preach to these great pastors. Please pray that they and their wives will go back to their churches and reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus that changes lives.

## CHRISTIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are moving forward with the High School project. In the last letter we asked you to pray for the \$14,000 to finish the land purchase. MANNA Worldwide has sent that money so we plan to finish the purchase in August and begin construction of the boundary wall. We thank Kent McMillan for helping to raise this money from the states. We also appreciate all the help and support we are getting from Kenyan individuals and businesses that raised \$8,000 (U.S.) to help purchase this land. Praise the Lord for His favor!

## SPECIAL THANKS

We needed \$28,000 to build three classrooms at Good News Academy. We thank God that a private donation has made this a reality. We are well on the way to complete the second floor of our elementary school. We hope to start using it in September. Also a BIG thank you goes out to Edgewood Baptist in Illinois and Team Kenya in Ohio who sent money to ship food to Kenya through Heaven Sent Ministries. We will have a distribution day in August and hope to reach hundreds of people with Christ's love and salvation. Pray souls will be saved through this outreach.

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**Thank You! June/July Prayers**

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