

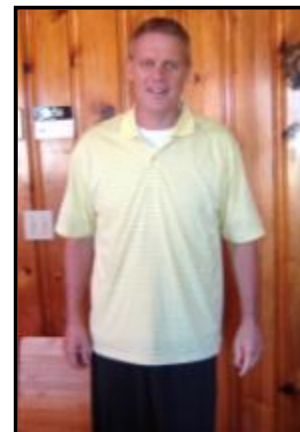
# NEWSLETTER June 2009

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## **SURGERY DONE – BACK IN KENYA**

On March 26 I went to the hospital in Athens, GA for prostate surgery. All went well. Two nights and three days in the hospital, 6 weeks recuperating and my doctor cleared us to return to Kenya whenever we wanted. We returned 1 week after he cleared us to leave and have been back for 2 weeks at this writing.

At issue for me concerning this is that I need to keep the PSA at 0 for as long as possible. The chance of this progressing according to the statistics is 65 – 75 %. However, I may have had curative surgery and may never see the PSA rise again. However, I must return to the US every 3 months for check-ups and consultation.



Jim wearing diapers!

## **HEARTWARMING WELCOME**

We were welcomed back in such a warm way to Kenya by Crossroads Nyali members, all of our ministry teams and staffs at churches and schools. So many questions were asked that I began to sound like a broken record. I now just simply say, "I'm fine," and move on to the next subject. But it is very nice to feel so welcome and I must say that everyone did a great job while we were gone for 2 months.

## **MINISTRIES REPORT**

**Crossroads Fellowship** is doing well. Attendance has hovered around 630 on average, giving is consistent and the spirit of this church is thrilling. We continue to baptize each month and in fact, we baptized 7 last Sunday.

Our church is in desperate need for the new **educational facility**. I have the drawings here on my desk and one **estimate of the cost is \$275,000**. Our Building Fund now has \$41,000 or about 15% of what we need. This church may be in a holding pattern until we can build. We are going to go ahead and proceed with what we have and trust God to send in the rest of what is needed. Please pray for our people and others who might partner with us in the US to help establish this unique church in Mombasa.

The **mission church, Faith Baptist Church**, in South Horr has been **built mostly with the funds given out of the Crossroads Fellowship mission fund**. We have sent \$2600 to help build and Pastor Francis Leisido is supported monthly from our mission fund as well. Quite a number of souls have come to Christ up there on the edge of the desert and the church just hit a high attendance of 175 last week. The pastoral staff of Crossroads Fellowship will fly up there soon to dedicate the new building.

All of our **schools** are doing well. At the moment we have a total of 1158 pupils in the schools that we are involved with. In two of these schools we only give enough to support the feeding program, but we are directly responsible for the running of the other 3 schools. It is a heavy burden but the Lord has supplied and all continues well.

The **Tiwi Baptist Academy** placed high in the District of Kwale at the end of last term. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the end of term testing in March. TBA is gearing up for the fine arts competition in which last year we had one choir to place 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally. Districts begin on June 23.

The **Faith Baptist Bible College** is to move to its new home in Vipingo within a few weeks. Due to its new location (On the campus of Crossroads Academy) we will rename the school **Crossroads Baptist Institute**. Same school, same teachers, same doctrine and purpose – just a different name. We have 5 men ready to graduate in July and we will have the graduation at the new facility in Vipingo, just north of Mombasa. BTW, this new location will benefit us in several ways, but mainly – it is a lot closer to where we live. This will save a lot of time!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 6 – Our 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!
- June 18 – 26 – MANNA Worldwide + team from Texas visit
- June 26, 27 – Dedication of Faith Baptist Church in South Horr
- July 1 – 9 – Visiting team from 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Elberton, GA
- July 15 – 17 – Pastor’s Conference at Crossroads Baptist Inst with Dr. Guy Conn
- July 18 – Graduation ceremony for Crossroads Baptist Inst
- July 21 – 28 – MANNA Worldwide + team from Fox River Christian Church, WI
- July 26 – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Crossroads Fellowship

## DON'T WASTE CANCER

Someone gave me a copy of John Piper’s “Don’t Waste Your Cancer”, during my recuperation time. It is simply a list of 10 Scriptural principles that arrested him on the eve of his prostate surgery. I presented these last week from my own perspective at Crossroads Fellowship. The over-riding truth that has come to me in my bout with cancer is that ***Jim and Susie are not indispensable to the ministries here in Kenya.***

While recuperating I did send a lot of e mail and text messages to Kenya and yes, we sent support money for a number of ministries and projects we are involved in, but I had the feeling while in the US and for sure when I got back here, that what we have initiated here can carry on in our absence. Due to fund raising in the Fall (3 mo) and surgery + recuperation (2 mo) Susie and I have been absent from the field 5 + months of the last 10. The ministries don’t miss us much while we are gone.

That is not to say we don’t feel needed or that we can’t find a place here or that we are about to disengage from these ministries in any way, but we rejoice to be able to report that in 32 years of service here, God has raised up something for His Name.

## FAMILY

Haley Grace Dillon, our granddaughter belonging to Chris and Cheryl Dillon, was dedicated to the Lord on May 10<sup>th</sup>. She is 20 months old already. Wow time sure flies.

## THANKS

Once again, we want to thank you for partnering with us to establish something here in Kenya that will hopefully produce disciples for Christ until He returns. Many of you have sent cards (hard and soft) to us to encourage us during my surgery and recoup time, and quite a number have also sent cards for our birthdays in April. We are so thankful to have your support and love. We have never felt like we were alone in our ministry or in our challenges of life all these years. God has been near and you have too. Thanks so much!

Yours in Christ, Jim and Susie Horne



Haley n Babu on Dedication Day



Together in N.GA



Jim and his Mom