



# The Safari Scoop



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## *The Missionary Adventure*

Dear Prayer Partners,

Have you ever had one of those days? I have had one of those...well...really two of those months. It has been a rollercoaster of exciting moments mixed with terribly emotional experiences. I have even asked myself, "Why am I here trying to minister in a far-away land?" Thank you for your prayers. I have felt them because through all the uncertainty God has kept me clam and safe in the palm of His Almighty Hand. I must keep in mind that even though some days may have been dark - most were full of God's light.

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Justus and Winnie got married at Injili Baptist Church. This was my first rural Kenyan wedding. Justus and Winnie had been married tribally years ago and have three children. As they got saved and started serving God, Justus was asked to consider being a deacon. Justus decided that to set an example to his church that he and Winnie needed to get married before God. The whole village turned out for the ceremony. The processional lasted 45 minutes as person after person came down the aisle to celebrate with the couple. Neighboring churches sent delegates to congratulate them. All in all the wedding and dinner lasted 8 hours.

On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> I had the privilege to ordain six men. These men were all trained through Faith Baptist Bible College. After graduation they were asked to start or join a ministry. Now after we have seen the hand of God working in their lives we had the task of questioning them and laying our own hands on them to officially commission them into the Gospel ministry. It was a

## Praise Reports:

- ✎ Salvation of 22 people at our three churches.
- ✎ Baptism of 8 believers.
- ✎ Wonderful teams from the United States who handed out over 1000 mosquito nets to needy.
- ✎ Lisa is ok after malaria.
- ✎ Money given to buy land!
- ✎ Couples Ministry growing.



**Ordination of Pastors  
Sunday, March 22, 2009**

## Prayer Needs:

- ✎ Continue to pray that God provides \$28,000 to build our needed three classrooms at Good News Academy.
- ✎ Pray for ministry support.
- ✎ Pray that God would guide us in some decisions.
- ✎ Pray for our missionary partner, Jim Horne, who is in the states for cancer treatment surgery.

great blessing to me to know that God will use them to reach their country for Christ.

Baptism service was very meaningful last month. We had Lilian Atieno and James Irungu signed up for baptism. We asked them to come early to discuss the procedure of baptism but ended up discussing their hearts. We told them that before the congregation they would be asked, "Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior?" Both looked puzzled and said, "We have never done that!" We still had the privilege of baptizing them that day after they truly understood and ask God into their lives for the forgiveness of sins.

God also opened a door at the International School for me to go and read to the children in Ethan's class. This gives Lisa and I a great opportunity to meet and witness to many people who would never think to visit one of our churches. Pray for friendships to develop and salvations to follow.

### **SPECIAL NEED**

We need \$28,000 to build three classrooms at Good News Academy. We established this Christian school in a Muslim village in 2005 and God has blessed us greatly with over 190 children through the sponsorship of MANNA Worldwide. We hope to add more children but need more classrooms. If you would like to contribute, send a check made out to B.B.F.I at the address below. Put Bechtel-Kenya-Good News in the Memo line. Thanks.

I thank you for your support and prayers. Special thanks to Park Chapel for the money to buy land. You are such a blessing!

By the way, I know the answer to why I'm here. People need God and He sent me!

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**Thank You! Mar/Apr Prayers**

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