

The Coast Chronicle

Jim and Susie Horne News

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1068 Attend Crossroads Fellowship for 7th Anniversary service!

On July 26 CF celebrated its 7th anniversary and we pulled out all the stops to try to get as many people as we could for this service. We had a wonderful service with a record attendance of 1068. The upper primary choir from Tiwi Baptist Academy came and sang with us A New Hallelujah followed by great music from our worship team. Awards were given to our members for special service over the past 12 months and then we had cardboard testimonies! Wow was that something?! It was *thrilling* to see the testimonies on cardboard of how God has changed so many lives since this church began! What a great day!



Crossroads Growing Congregation

The church continues growing! Last year CF grew 30% and this year so far 33%. Souls saved and baptized every single month. Glory to God for what He is doing.

3000 Attend Founder's Football Fun Day at Vipingo

Each year for the last 3 years, the Fox River Christian Church of WI sponsors our Football Fun Day at Vipingo. A team from Fox comes out to Kenya each summer to visit Crossroads Academy in Vipingo because they support it fully. We had a wonderful crowd on hand to celebrate what God is doing at this 3 year old academy with 170 pupils. Another great day!



Lg. Crowds on FFF Day Vipingo

FBBC Graduates 5 Men for the Ministry

On July 18 we held graduation for Faith Baptist Bible College at Vipingo this year rather than in Tiwi. (I'll tell you why in a minute) This year we had 5 young men to graduate and head into the ministry. As part of our custom to emphasize that FBBC trains *servant leaders* we had the foot-washing ceremony which is always a moving part of the graduation service. Please pray for these five

men as they enter the ministry joining about 175 others who have also come through FBBC.



Bible School Graduation

Pastor's Conference with 106 Church Leaders

With Dr. Guy Conn as our main speaker, we opened the campus of Crossroads Fellowship in Vipingo for a pastor's conference. Pastor Guy, along with several others, gave good messages and instruction to these hungry leaders. This is the first real effort at a pastor's conference for me in a great while. It was a learning experience and we look forward already to next year's conference!

Crossroads Baptist Institute Opens at Vipingo

At the end of the graduation ceremony, we formally closed Faith Baptist Bible College and opened Crossroads Baptist Institute. Years ago I built FBBC in Tiwi, which is about 20 difficult miles from where we have always lived. We had the

opportunity to partner with Fox River Christian Church to build a new facility on the campus of Crossroads Fellowship of Vipingo. We now have a much nicer facility for the students and a much easier access for the teachers of the school. It is essentially the same school, just with a different name and location.



Cutting the Ribbon for CBI

TBA Wins Big at Annual Music Festival!

At the district level, Tiwi Baptist Academy won 21 of 22 events entered in the choir and reading competitions. Then at Provincial level, TBA won 2 competitions, placed in the top 5 of 3 others qualifying 3 choirs to enter National level. At the National level we got a

3rd, 5th and 11th place. Not bad for a young school that is yet to take its first KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam).



TBA at Nationals

Visiting Mission Teams from the USA

This year we have had quite a number of mission teams from the US. I am not sure that I can count them, but the total number of people is over 100. We have had teams from IN, KS, 2 from TX, WI, and GA. The Voyager Hotel near our house really likes us! We have put most all of the guests there. It is wonderful to have these teams visit and get on fire for God out here. We have only a couple more small teams scheduled before we return to the US in Sept, but we do

have a young lady from one of the teams living with us for the next 3 months.

Health Check up for Jim

Around the middle of the month of September, we will have to journey to the US for Jim's 3-month check up. Since surgery, doctors advise a check up every three months to make sure there is no progression of cancer. I'm asked all of the time about this so let me just state that there are a couple of issues that need some attention. They are not serious, but they do demand some attention. I'll go to Nairobi to see a doctor there to be sure about a couple of things and then prepare for the doctor in the US. There is the possibility of needing a procedure that may prolong our stay in the US in the Fall. We will see.

Upcoming Events

- Camp for teens of CF August 10 – 15 in Nairobi area
- Camp for area primary kids at Tiwi August 10 – 15
- Return to school(s) Sept 1
- Friend Day at CF on Sept 13
- Trip to US for health check Sept 15

Praises

- 37 salvation decisions at new church plant out of Perani Baptist
- 100 salvation decisions at Mtepeni
- 22 Baptized at Vipingo
- 7 Baptized at Tiwi
- 34 HIV orphans dedicated to God at Crossroads Fellowship/Nyali

Prayer Requests

- Audit in 2003 and 2004 of our tax returns has turned into a serious problem for us. Please pray that Christian Light Foundation and the accounting firm can iron this out soon!
- Health check-up in September in the USA!
- Sponsorship of pupils in our schools! We always need more sponsors! Just \$20 per month will give hope to a kid in Kenya! Designate a gift to Operation Give Hope (OGH) and send it through Christian Light Foundation in Jacksonville, FL.
- One of our Coastal pastors was diagnosed with Glaucoma.

As always, we thank you for partnering with us here in Kenya. God has done some amazing things this year. We are pretty tired and are looking to cut back and cut loose some of what we do pretty soon due to the stress of trying to run all of these ministries, but we rejoice that God has used us. We are thankful that you "got our back".

Until the nets are full!
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