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TURKANA MISSIONS

WHERE ELEPHANTS FIGHT...

The end of the year has brought unprecedented violence throughout most of Kenya. With wide evidence of a corrupt presidential election on 27 December and the reelection President Kibaki, those in opposition have taken to the streets in protest. There are 42 tribes in the nation of Kenya with the largest being the Kikuyu. This is the tribe of the president. The opposition leader Raila Odinga is a Luo (the 2nd largest tribe in country). His people along with many other tribes are hunting down Kikuyus who are not living in the ancestral homes and slaughtering them. The town of Kisumu is burned and looted. Eldoret is a war zone with thousand taking refuge in a stadium or in churches. 50 women and children perished in this town when their church was burned down. Recently, the Kikuyu people have begun to strike back. In the towns of Navashia and Nakuru, they struck out at those who were persecuting their people and an all out war ensued. The government sent in troops and armed helicopters. All the violence has left over 1000 dead with hundreds of thousands displaced from their homes. This has had an impact on the American missionaries. 2 of my good friends left Eldoret and returned to America. Another friend living in Lodwar (my home) is making plans to sell off everything he owns and relocate to the U.S. as well. In our associated work, the only missionary remaining in Kenya at this time is Ernie Hopper and his family. They live in Nairobi and are praying for peace. The American Embassy has issued a warning and advising all Americans to begin to make travel planes to exit the country if things get any worse. However, our hopes are high. The former secretary-general of the United Nations, Mr. Annon, is working with the two parties in an effort to restore peace. There is a plan in place to rewrite the constitution to create another head of government and a power sharing partnership between the two sides.

There is a saying here, When Elephants Fight, the Grass Gets Trampled. With the two sides at war, the people of Kenya, my people, are suffering. Please pray for peace and for the missionaries still laboring in Kenya. When it is all said and down, I fear the hatred and distrust between the tribes will not soon be forgotten.

NEWS FROM TURKANA

Lodwar-All the reports I have received from the Turkana District, the violence that is plaguing the rest of the country has not erupted there. The only sign of trouble was when the 2 hardware stores in town, both owned by Kikuyus, were burned down. That does not mean life is good for my Turkana people. With the rest of the nation ripped open with unrest, fuel and food have vanished from the District. The trucks that bring such "luxuries" as rice, sugar, flour, dried corn and beans, along with all vegetables and fruit have stopped coming. For my folks that live in the villages of Napetet and Kalokol, this means they are hungry. For my friends out in the bush, they are so far out their lives are not affected too much. Please pray for the people of Turkana and all that God is doing.

MY PLANS

Many have asked if I will return to Kenya in June. Yes! I believe peace will be reached and the country will begin the process of healing. If the turmoil continues, northwestern Uganda or southern Sudan are two options that will allow me to continue the work in Turkana. I am still planning on shipping a container and am plowing forward to be back in Africa this summer. I have learned a long time ago, the best place to be is in the middle of God's will. I am not gambling with my life, just giving it to the One who has bought me with His own blood. Turkana, Kenya is my home and the people with whom I have a great burden to see saved and walking in the path of Jesus Christ.

I can not believe Kenya turned from peace to total chaos in 24 hours.

New Hope Baptist Church – 361 Bear Creek Road East – Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

RECEIVED DECEMBER 2007:

New Hope BC	Tuscaloosa, AL	\$400.00
Westwood MBC	Winter Haven, FL	100.00 (Nov)
Ernie Hopper/WMBC	Winter Haven, FL	1000.00 (truck)
Columbus BC	Columbus, IN	130.00
Skyline MBC	Madison, AL	120.00
Gant Lake BC	Webster, FL	50.00
The Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	2150.00
South Union BC	Daingerfield, TX	132.60
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	1000.00
Landmark MBC	Pensacola, FL	500.00
Arundel BC	Gambrills, MD	100.00
1 st BC of Indian River	Titusville, FL	50.00
Bethel MBC	Pensacola, FL	50.00
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	1000.00 (medical)
Calvary BC	Baytown, TX	450.00
Chip Ikerd	Somerset, KY	100.00
Baumhauer Rd BC	Theodore, AL	53.81
Ft. Cooper BC	Inverness, FL	200.00
Ft. Cooper BC	Inverness, FL	100.00 (medical)
The Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	100.00
Landmark MBC	Pensacola, FL	175.00
Ammons Family	Bryson City, NC	50.00
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	100.00
Heather Thompson	Texarkana, AR	200.00
Ebenezer BC	Wiggins, MS	100.00
Pearl Hickory BC	Pearl River, LA	71.99
Gulf Ridge Park BC	Brooksville, FL	60.00
Victory BC	Madison, MS	80.00
West Somerset BC	Somerset, KY	200.00
Adamsville BC	Wildwood, FL	150.00
East Somerset BC	Somerset, KY	500.00
Bethel MBC	Pensacola, FL	50.00
South Union BC	Daingerfield, TX	301.93
Gant Lake BC	Webster, FL	50.00
Skyline MBC	Madison, AL	120.00
Westwood MBC	Winter Haven, FL	100.00
Arundel BC	Gambrills, MD	100.00
Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	650.00
Ikerd Family	Somerset, KY	1000.00
Danny Patterson	Somerset, KY	1000.00
WIR LLC	Somerset, KY	1000.00
Columbus BC	Columbus, IN	120.00
The Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	500.00

PAID OUT DECEMBER 2007:

Salary	\$2050.00
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RECEIVED JANUARY 2008:

New Hope BC	Tuscaloosa, AL	\$400.00
Pine Hill BC	Somerset, KY	200.00 (bibles)
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St. Catherine BC	Bushnell, FL	250.00
Frontier BC	Angleton, TX	300.00
Calvary BC	Panama City, FL	50.00
Landmark MBC	Pensacola, FL	100.00
Calvary BC	Baytown, TX	450.00
Ebenezer BC	Wiggins, MS	100.00
Pearl Hickory BC	Pearl River, LA	103.69
Gulf Ridge Park BC	Brooksville, FL	160.00
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	100.00
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	50.00 (medical)
WIR LLC	Somerset, KY	100.00
Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	500.00
1st BC of Red Bay	Riverview, FL	100.00
Baumhauer Rd BC	Theodore, AL	95.48
Landmark MBC	Pensacola, FL	75.00
Ammons Family	Bryson City, NC	50.00
Gant Lake BC	Webster, FL	50.00
1 st BC of Indian River	Titusville, FL	50.00
Pine Hill BC	Somerset, KY	200.00
Victory BC	Madison, MS	80.00
Heather Thompson	Texarkana, AR	100.00
Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	150.00
East Somerset BC	Somerset, KY	100.00
South Union BC	Daingerfield, TX	180.02
Brannen Family	Bushnell, FL	50.00
Mt. Hebron BC	Lancaster, KY	300.00
Columbus BC	Columbus, IN	120.00
Istachatta BC	Instachatta, FL	50.00
Westwood MBC	Winter Haven, FL	100.00
Ernie Hopper/WMBC	Winter Haven, FL	1154.00 (truck)
Skelton Family	Ducanville, AL	100.00
Roe Family	Tuscaloosa, AL	150.00
Smith Family	Brandon, MS	50.00
Victory BC	Madison, MS	1020.00

PAID OUT JANUARY 2008:

Salary	\$2550.00
Laptop Computer	1466.45

My laptop was broken over the Christmas holidays and I have been without one. I am sorry I did not write a December report due to my loss of computer. Thank you all for your continued support, love and prayers for Turkana Missions. Please pray for Kenya and peace.