



The Kenya Connection

"Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will, in turn, pass them on to others" 2 Timothy 2:2 (Amplified).

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM KENYA!

Dear Friends,

This has truly been one very exciting and blessed year beginning with my marrying Cheri. See the picture at the top of the two of us ministering together for the first time at a mission's conference. I have also considered it a privilege to become a male role model to Cheri's two adopted Kenyan teenagers. They are great young people and have lacked a man in their life since their adopted father passed away ten years ago. I feel it is an honor to help in their upbringing at my age.

The year 2010 also included the completion of the new lecture hall, the KMTI graduation of three classes, and our first class beginning in Uganda as well as a second school started, and a third school slated to open in February 2011. **KMTI's twenty years of planting in good soil in Kenya is producing men and women who are stepping up to their calling and taking the lead in the development of the Uganda Ministry Training Institute.** Finding faithful men and giving ourselves to those who can teach others are exactly what we are exhorted to do in 2 Timothy 2:1-2. My current working relationship with KMTI will have very little change with the exception of my becoming the development coordinator for future schools in East Africa.

We are currently enrolling new students for the three new classes in Kenya and Uganda with classes opening in mid-January 2011. **Our financial needs are great as we need sponsors for the most students we have ever had at one time—one hundred students at a cost of \$600 per student, which totals \$60,000.** If you have wanted to make a difference in world missions, now is the time and we have the opportunity. For as little as \$35 per month (see the enclosed information sheet), you can make a difference in an African pastor's life and in turn their church.

I will not be able to travel and raise support for these students until March 2011 with our KMTI Kenyan director Pastor George Wafula. Please pray for his Visa currently waiting to be approved at the American Embassy in the USA! It is very important that this be issued for a four month stay so that he can begin assuming many of the fundraising duties in America.

I have included the following testimony that I think you will enjoy from Silas Chelimo, one of our graduates, who now works for us at KMTI as our accountant.

A WORD FROM SILAS CHELIMO KMTI ACCOUNTANT...

I am Silas Kiptanui Chelimo born in 1971 as the seventh child in a family of ten children. Before I was born, my father and mother had been blessed with one son and five daughters. Because boys were valued more than girls, this caused my father to marry a



Joyce Wambogo of Nakuru graduating



Graduating class of Nakuru, December 2010



Silas Chelimo, KMTI Accountant

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) George Wafula KMTI director four month visa released to come to the USA!!!:
- 2) Sponsors for 100 new students—\$60,000 over eighteen months
- 3) Travel expense for George Wafula and Larry Neese for four months—\$10,000 estimate.
- 4) Wisdom to care for my new family and their needs.
- 5) For our two staffs at KMTI and Challenge Farm and their many needs.



Mr. & Mrs. Kambo graduating together

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second wife and live with her for five years before I was born. Unfortunately she had no child and as soon as I was born as a second son to my father and mother, she ran away and never returned. I thank God that when I was eight years old, both of my parents received Christ as their personal Savior. They therefore introduced us to the Christian life, always instructing us to live upright life as we grew up. When I was in high school, I decided to accept Christ as my personal Savior too. Before then, I was attending church and trying to live the Christian life through my own efforts. This was very hard. After my high school, I enrolled in a CPA course for me to qualify and work as a professional accountant. After doing some parts of the CPA training and being involved in church ministry, I decided to enroll in biblical training to enable me to serve God's people better. KMTI became the college of my choice and without wasting time I enrolled for the two-year diploma program being offered by KMTI in October 2000. I graduated in February 2002. Little did I know that three years later God would open a door for me to work with KMTI and be a part of what God is doing here. I left working for Kenya Seed Co. and joined the KMTI team in October 2005 after I got married. I gladly accepted work at KMTI as my prayer had been to work for a religious organization, which God faithfully answered.

While at KMTI God has continued to bless me and expand my ministry in the church where I work as an assistant pastor overseeing home churches. I have also proceeded with my CPA qualification and I am now left with only a paper to do to become a fully certified public accountant. I thank Brother Larry Neese for his constant support and encouragement for me to finish this qualification. May God continue blessing him abundantly. I will be doing this paper in December. I believe in February when the results come out I will be celebrating together with all those who have been praying for me to finish this course. God bless KMTI!

A WORD FROM PASTOR BILL MURPHY...

Once again, it was my privilege to see firsthand the impact of KMTI in Kenya, this time in Nakuru, one of Africa's fastest growing cities. Although the atmosphere is a little more cosmopolitan than in the city of Kitale, the dynamics of the school remains the same: eager and attentive students, lively and relevant discussion, and evidence of great grace.

This class was a diverse mixture of old and young, male and female, from differing tribes and denominations. All of these diversities paled as the students wholeheartedly embraced our teaching on Christ's Kingdom in the World. I was extremely proud to have been accompanied by a young leader from our church, Brantley Johnson, whose life, testimony, and teaching connected him immediately and deeply to many of the young men in this class.

Over and over the students testified to the transformative teaching that has impacted their lives, families, ministries, and world view. There was a tangible joy as they looked forward to graduation and taking all they have experienced and learned back into their churches, communities, and tribes, and through one particular student, even to the most remote and primitive tribes in northern Kenya, the Turkana.

Like any Christian community, the Kenyans struggle with the darkness and difficulties of their own country. We felt great joy and liberty in reminding them that they are only 46 years into their country's independence, and **they can trust God patiently as they become part of a new generation with a new voice, sown as seed into their culture.** They eagerly embraced the parable of Jesus regarding the field as the world and they themselves the seed as the sons of the kingdom.

The devoted leadership of missionaries, founders, teachers, and staff has established KMTI as a well-spring of life to a thirsty nation. We rejoice in our opportunity to participate.

A FINAL NOTE FROM LARRY...

Please receive my many thanks for all each of you do for us monthly to keep us on the field, doing the hands on part that we are called to do. We love it and **would not want to be doing anything other than being ambassadors for the greatest King that has ever lived.** Jesus is truly Lord of all.

Peace and blessings
Larry, Cheri, Alex & Rachel

