



# 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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## GREETINGS FROM THE GOOD OLD USA!

Hello Dear Friends,

I am home in Winston-Salem, doing all the preliminaries for total knee replacement on April 14 in Mobile, Alabama. I am asking for your prayers as this is a major surgery but it should give me a much better quality of life.

Our classes in Kenya have opened for 2011 and are at full capacity—what a good problem to have! We are excited that these classes both in Kenya and Uganda have grown primarily through word of mouth as well as through our being on the airways with a radio program targeted at reaching church leaders at home on Saturday evenings at 8:30 pm. **We have two new classes opening in Mukono and Kumi, Uganda, in March, giving us more than one hundred and fifty students to sponsor.** (See the Nukuru class at the right.)

As many of you know, I have not been able to travel over the last four years to raise support for the new students that are being recruited on a monthly basis. We have previous donors who sponsored fifteen of the new students, and Grace Temple hosted Cheri and me in March and sponsored ten new students.

I will be in Texas for three April meetings and the birth of my first granddaughter and then will go to Mobile for total knee replacement. I will be at the Mobile Infirmary Hospital in Mobile, Alabama, for the surgery and at my mother's house for three or four weeks of recovery. My home number there is 251-666-2562 or my cell 772-643-5471 or Cheri's cell 336-692-4097 if you need to get in touch with us. She will be in Mobile with me for the surgery. As most of you know, my mother went to be with the Lord last month while I was in Kenya. She knew it was her time, and she wanted me to keep doing what God had called me to do.



**When George Wafula (pictured at left with his wife, Joy) gets his visa while I am in recovery, he will travel with Bob Vande Brake, my coworker and friend who has labored very hard developing the Ugandan schools over the last three years. They will travel to Florida and Mississippi and any other place we are invited to speak at. (Give us a call, and they will be glad to try and fit your church in.)**

This month I have a lot of prayer requests and needs for the work in Kenya and Uganda



Nukuru Class and three of the students



Philemon Matakaya—Pastor



Bilba Wangari—Women's Leader



Virginia Kagiri—Youth Leader

# PRAYER REQUESTS

1. George Wafula's visa for three months.
2. Total use of my knee after replacement & fast recovery.
3. Sponsors of over 100 students. \$600 per student (can be paid monthly).
4. Great response while fund raising for student sponsors.
5. Favor for George Wafula as he begins to assist in the future fundraising efforts for KMTI & UMTI.



Pastor Sammy Rotich



(see left). Also in the following article we are featuring Pastor Sammy Rotich, one of our teachers from the Nakuru, Kenya, school.

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR SAMMY ROTICH . . .

My full name is Sammy Kipkoech Rotich (pictured at left), and I was born in 1963 in Rift valley province. I am a Kalenjin by tribe and from the sub-tribe of Kipsigis who live in Kericho, Kenya, East Africa. I am married to a beautiful wife, Faith, and we have lived together for 23 years and God has blessed with five children—two boys and three girls—and they are all in school.

I was born into a polygamous family of fifteen children. Coming from this kind of a family, we really struggled to survive. Our father, called Kiprotich, had a very strange policy. He said that every wife of the three was to take care of all the needs of her own children. This made me delay going to school. I spent my early childhood years taking care of my father's cattle until I was 14 years of age when I joined class one. Most of those who saw me in class one at that age were surprised and made fun of me because of my age. **Nevertheless, I didn't give up but I continued with my school till I finished my high school education. While in high school, I gave my life to Jesus and joined an evangelist group that disciplined me in my walk with the Lord.** I began to preach in our school and the schools around us. I finished my high school in 1985 and joined Textile College and did textile technology for four years. While pursuing my textile courses, I was given an opportunity to work for the same company as a supervisor for 10 years, and that's I when I found my beloved wife, Faith, and married her.

After 10 years of working with that company, I felt the call of God on my life to resign from my job and join full time ministry. My bishop sent me to pastor one of the sister churches in Eldoret. That is when I was invited by a friend to attend a meeting where Bro. Larry was teaching and he introduced me to KMTI. I felt it was the right school for me, and I helped to look for a teaching hall where we could conduct the classes, and I began my classes there. After two semesters of class, the students elected me as their class president and I served them for two years.

**During my second year at KMTI, the Lord sent me to Nakuru to plant a new church. I did not know this would open the door for KMTI to come and begin training pastors and church leaders there.** While in Nakuru, I saw a big need to train pastors, therefore I talked to Brother Larry and he came and met with the pastors. I put together a very successful meeting, and we recruited the students for the first class. We have since then graduated three classes with close to 100 pastors. We are currently having the fourth class of over thirty pastors studying the word of God together.

I am grateful for the opportunity I was given to serve as a teacher in KMTI. It has helped me so much to enhance my teaching gift as a pastor. I thank all our sponsors who help us to train these hungry and needy pastors. God bless you all. —Sammy Rotich ■

## A FINAL NOTE FROM LARRY . . .

I was given by my new wife, Cheri, a great book, entitled *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan, and God has used it to rip through my thinking about spiritual things. After the last few years when I was in the USA, I began to really see what has been happening here, especially in God's church. Now reading this book truly has made me rethink just where I am in His great Kingdom. If you want to be challenged in your walk, you really need to read this book. I would love to hear from you if you take this challenge. Email me at larryneesekenya@gmail.com after reading it and let me know how it has affected you.

Thanks once again **through your prayers and faithful giving for making KMTI education possible for more than one thousand East African pastors who are making a difference in their countries** because you have been willing to send us.

Peace and blessings,  
Larry & Cheri Neese



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