



# 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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## AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER IN KENYA!

Dear Friends,

I have so much to tell you, my family, of what God has been doing in my life during the last six months. What an incredible summer in Kenya, East Africa, my home! I have been spending some time with Cheri Thompson and her two adopted African children Alex and Rachel (see the picture at the top). They have been friends of our family for the twelve years we have resided in Kitale. Cheri has been in Kenya for more than twenty years, running Bible colleges and orphanages for street children with her late husband, Dr. Rick Thompson, who passed away nine years ago.

When I originally arrived in Kenya in 1998, we were invited to spend our first nights in Kenya at their home. We had never met them but were given a key to their home while they were away. Just a few years later, they decided to establish a rescue center for street children in Kitale, and they found a home that was on the same compound and owned by the same family where we lived. It was badly in need of repairs so they were able to negotiate the first year of rent in exchange for renovation of the house. I was asked if I would assist them in that work because I had previously done building and would be there every day to see the work was completed for them in a timely manner for their move to Kitale.

Today Cheri mothers more than one hundred orphaned children in Kitale where I live. We began seeing each other as friends in May, having meals together and taking mountain rides. Our relationship simply developed into love for each other that only God could possibly have arranged since neither of us were looking for it. She is an incredible woman whom I love dearly and plan to spend the rest of my life with. I recently gave her an engagement ring in Nairobi, and our plans are to marry soon. We both know that is what God is leading us to do.

Since our ministries are totally different, we feel they will in no way conflict with the other, but greatly be of benefit to each other. For the most part we both will continue doing what we do—leading these ministries both located in Kitale, Kenya. We see our ministries only complementing each other.

We are planning a celebration and informal wedding in Winston-Salem North Carolina where Cheri and her children live when in the States. Our plans are to have a reception in Mobile/Pensacola area as well, hosting many of our friends and spiritual family—Ken Sumrall and Globe Ministry in Pensacola (with whom Cheri has been working for many years), Covenant Church of Mobile, and International Outreach Ministries. Our plans will be to have a Sunday afternoon gathering in the Mobile area where many could gather for a great celebration with those who have supported both of us for so many years in ministry. If you have any good ideas of a

## PRAISE REPORT

1. God's favor in having given Cheri Thompson to share the rest of my life with me!
2. Three KMTI classes graduating in 2010.
3. Great peace during the referendum in August—no lives were lost!



*Current Kitale class*



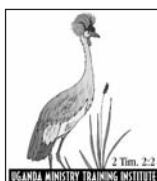
*Pastor Franci Murura teaching Kitale class*



*Sammy Rotich teaching Kitale class*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Wisdom for Cheri and me as we plan our wedding and then our return to Kenya as a family.
2. Funding for the initial opening of this very large two year challenge in Uganda: \$15,000 start up funds.
3. Visa approval for George Wafula KMTI director of East Africa in November this year with the American Embassy to travel in the USA with me in early 2011.
4. Success of needed total knee replacement.
5. The dedication of Dr. LeRoy Curtis Lecture Teaching hall September 25, 2010.
6. Bob VandeBrake's complete recovery from major back surgery.
7. God will give me a place in the lives of Cheri's children.



neutral place we might meet convenient to both cities please feel free to email me on a meeting place that would accommodate several hundred. larryneesekenya@gmail.com.

Neither of us has ever gone on a honeymoon, but this time we will take one. God has provided several very special families in the Winston-Salem area that will take care of Alex and Rachel (who are still in school there) when Cheri needs to travel in the USA and Africa.

## DEVELOPING UGANDA MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE

The schools in Uganda are going very well, and on September 18 we will be graduating the first class in Mukono, Uganda. The second school in Kapchorua has just opened its second quarter, and the students are very eager to study. In both Kenya and Uganda, God has given us just the right support people each time we feel the timing is right to stretch our wings and grow in new areas of training pastors.

One of our supporting churches purchased air time for one year of radio programs in Eldoret and now in Uganda. These programs have brought credibility to the schools that are totally new in these towns. Through two radio stations in Kenya and Uganda, we are now able to reach some eight million people for about \$200 a month. This has a twofold purpose: First, we are teaching and making disciples through excellent thirty minute teaching classes in prime time at night when church leaders are at home. Second, these programs are used as a vehicle for introducing the schools to new markets where we have never reached. The end result is that the kingdom of God is now in growing in these two countries.

As graduation at the school in Mukono, Uganda, nears in September, we have discovered that these students are so excited about their training, they are spreading the news all over Uganda about the school. Due to all that has been happening our first two years there, we have been approached by a group of pastors that live forty kilometers west of Kampala, the capital of Uganda. They have between 100-150 men and women who have no Bible training and are in leadership roles in their churches. We have been invited there in November to see if we could go there for two years and teach this very special group beginning in December of this year. This school would be the largest one we have ever attempted to organize. I am asking for special prayer as we consider this new opportunity.

This new development is the result of our having trained our Kenyan brothers for twenty years. They are the African teachers who can take this school wherever English is spoken and the need is greatest.



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## A NOTE FROM LARRY...

Thanks to you our faithful family and friends who have stood with us during more than twelve years in Kenya. It has truly been so awesome to see each and every month how God's faithfulness funds and totally meets the needs of this ministry. Our staff extends their personal thanks to each of you who through your giving and prayers has helped us in reaching so many church leaders in both Kenya and now East Africa.

Peace and blessings from all of us at KMTI and UMTI,  
Larry Neese

