

## Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches, and Friends,

December 2013/January 2014

Thanks to you, we had a tremendous year in 2013. We could never fully express our gratitude and appreciation for your friendship, prayers, and financial support. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

In 2013 God blessed in so many ways. In summary we saw 62 souls call on Christ to be their Saviour, received reports from Pastor Obiko and others in East Africa of hundreds saved through the efforts of the churches started or assisted through Team East Africa, and saw our support continue to grow to approximately 40%.

The year 2014 is already off to a great start, as January took us to Minnesota, South Dakota, Indiana, and Florida. As well as preaching and presenting our ministry, God provided an opportunity in South Dakota to present the Gospel to a group of young people at a school and to be interviewed on live radio about how God called me to Africa and our work there. In the Minnesota area, I gave my testimony, and as a result a young man called me later in the afternoon questioning his salvation. I was able to help him get assurance that he is truly saved based on God's promises in the Bible.

Please be in prayer with us for some goals that we have for the upcoming year. While continuing to travel on deputation, we are planning two trips to Kenya. One will be in March to work with some pastors and churches, some of which we started on previous trips. The second is in the summer; we are planning to make a survey trip for Connie. While God has allowed me to go several times, Connie has yet to go to Africa. Life in Africa will, of course, be vastly different, and this trip will provide an opportunity for her to see what she is getting into and prepare for the adjustment. I want to be wise in preparing for the transition that it will entail, moving from the abundance of America to East Africa. While this is important and needed, funds are very limited at 40% of our support level. Please pray with us that God will give wisdom in the planning for both of these trips.

It was a consideration to cancel the March trip for lack of funds. However, God has used a dear saint to strengthen my faith. A faithful prayer warrior scraped together \$216.48 over the last year, waiting for God to show her where to use it. God led her to donate it towards the March trip, reminding me that He will meet the needs for His work. So we are moving ahead by faith.

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