

MORRIS family



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Dear Supporting Churches, Friends and Family,

We hope you are safe and well. **Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.** As you are aware, it has been a very **difficult and challenging year**, and **we thank the Lord** for how He has supplied our every need. It is through **faithful supporters** such as yourselves, our **fellow laborers and partners in Christ**, that we are able to continue the work of the ministry and take the **Gospel to Kenya, East Africa.**

Praise the Lord, we arrived back in Kenya on September 3, after having the mandatory COVID-19 tests. When we arrived in Kenya, we were COVID-19-free, so we didn't have to go into quarantine. We did, however, have to report our temperatures to the Kenyan authorities every day for two weeks.

Often when we are **returning to the field** or **starting a new project** and **things start to go wrong**, that often means **God has something planned**, because the **spiritual battle has begun**. It has been **no different this time**. The week before we left, my **computer died**. On arrival in Kenya, my **phone died** and cannot be fixed, and we went to change our US\$2,000 in \$20 bills into Kenyan currency only to find out that the **banks will not exchange** them into local currency. I then picked up an **eye infection** that has now just about healed. You **have to laugh**, as you see this kind of **spiritual warfare** occur again and again. Nevertheless, we continue on in this kind of adversity, as **we know Who will gain the victory** in the end—our **Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Needless to say, our efforts have not been in vain even with the COVID-19 lockdown. Just before we left, I got to **lead a neighbor** where we were living in the U.S. **to the Lord**. He was going to study to be an **orthodox priest** but decided to **leave the monastery**. Praise the Lord! He is **now a child of God** and is going to be a doctor, God willing. **Lindsay** was blessed with **leading her first person to Christ**. I have also recently seen a **taxi driver**, a **telephone sales person**, and a **passenger in Amsterdam**, among others, **receive Christ as their Saviour**. **You never know** from where your opportunities are going to come.

It was a blessing to see the **new church** our team members, **Andy and Connie Richey**, have **started** on the outskirts of Nairobi. They are working hard as they take the Gospel to the **local area of Kamakis**. Positioned on a main road along the **eastern bypass of Nairobi**, they are in an area ideal for reaching the lower-income population as the city continues to grow. Our team ladies were also excited to have a bathroom in the new church building for the first time in over two years.

We have **1,400 Bibles** being prepared for shipment from the U.S. to Kenya, and hopefully, the shipment will leave soon. **Since arriving back in Kenya**, I have been inundated with **national pastors across the country** calling me and asking when we can meet. **That will take a number of trips to Western Kenya** to areas like **Kisii, Kilgoris, Lolgorien, Bungoma**, and **other remote areas** I have not yet visited. These areas are anywhere from **6 to 10-plus hours away** and often require **travel over very rough roads** that **only a four-wheel-drive vehicle can travel safely**. Nevertheless, these areas have **people, tribes, and races that need to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel**. It

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is difficult to explain how **challenging** some of these areas are, but yet there are those who **spend every day of their lives there**. I am intending to **visit and teach the truth in these areas**, taking **pastors and students with me along the way**, **teaching them to reach their own people**, and **discipling them** so that the **work will be multiplied**. Hopefully, **discipleship classes** will be started and **new churches planted**. It is not easy, but the **rewards can be great and the fruit plentiful**, with **dozens being saved at a time**. To reach these areas is a challenge, to say the least. In the days of **David Livingston**, it would have **taken months**. **Today, it can take days if you can gain access** by having the **right type of vehicle, materials, and equipment**.

I am asking and praying that the **Lord will raise up** those who have the **means to help finance a 4WD vehicle** that can be used to reach these **remote and nearly inaccessible areas**. I believe the Lord will be greatly pleased if we can **take a clear Gospel message to the lost** in these **remote areas before He returns**, which I believe will be soon. Now is the time, if ever there was a time, to increase our efforts to take the Gospel to the lost and needy.

I believe God's **plan** is to **train chosen men to continue the work in their local areas**, to **supply them with materials**, and to help them **understand the need** to have the Gospel preached across their country. But for this to happen, **we need a 4WD vehicle that can handle the conditions**. Having taken out the **front end** on one rental vehicle, been **stuck in the mud** up to our axles on another occasion and only by the grace of God were we able to get out, **flat tires**, and **slipped off the road** into the ditch, it is obvious that in order to be **productive for the Lord** in these remote areas, **we need more than a standard vehicle**.

I am asking the Lord to raise funds to purchase a **4WD vehicle**. As well as what we have saved and what others have promised, we need an additional \$10,000. This will get us a **10-plus-year-old vehicle** that is in **reasonable condition for its age** and is **built for off-road travel, or at best a four-wheel-drive Toyota HiAce that will seat 8 or 9 passengers**. We will have to make some **modifications** for either vehicle to handle the job. We would need to **stiffen up the suspension** or **add a couple of seats** to carry **more people**, and maybe add a heavy-duty roof rack; air conditioning would also be a blessing. May the Lord's will be done.

Should God touch your heart to give, please forward me an email at morrispj_98@yahoo.com and let me know, or contact **Dr. Mark Bosje at FBMI**, mark.bosje@fbmi.org, and he will tell you how best to send the offering. I believe the **Lord will greatly bless you for your sacrifice**.

Please also pray for **Team East Africa**, our **good health, our safety, our personal and ministry expenses**, and for God to raise up **men of integrity to help with the work of the ministry**.

It is **difficult to put our appreciation into words** except to say we **feel greatly blessed** to have you **partner with us** as we take the **Gospel to Kenya and neighboring East Africa**. Thank you and God bless you.

Your co-laborers in Christ,

Peter, Melody, and Lindsay Morris

PS. I hope you enjoy our ministry video, a **YouTube video documentary**, "**He Directs My Path**," by **Jared Russ**; it can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ATmIOERW--c>.

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Lindsay leading the children in singing



Pastor Ambrose Wekesa and his church after discipleship class



Andy Richey and I with the new church members, handing out tracts and inviting people to church



Pastor Aggrey and his church in Bungoma, which is eight hours from Nairobi



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