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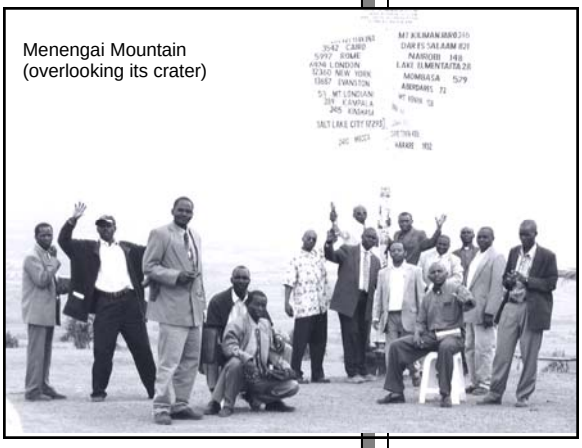
Dear Mission Friends,

Preaching Surprise

Let me start just by sharing to you one of the messages I preached on Sundays in Nakuru church. I was having a series on Ephesians 3:18 titled, "The Dimensions of the Love of Christ". While going along the "length" I pointed out that Christ's love is measured by time from eternity past to eternity future. Between these two eternities is a period where man decides whether he wants to accept His offer of love in eternity, and that every moment is a privilege not to let go undecided. Suddenly I spotted the wall clock of the church and found out that it is running more than thirty minutes late, then pointing at the clock I said, "that clock is showing us a not so good saying, ***there is no hurry in Kenya***, do not follow that clock in making decision where to spend your eternity!" The church burst into laughter.

On Bended Knees and Lifted Hands

The greatest commitment check up we experienced this year was when we were encouraged to "go back to basics". The first basic was the intensity of giving self to the Word, and into prayer. On the last two remaining days of September we called all the leaders for a "prayer summit" in Nakuru. It was attended by all the Pastors and key lay leaders from all over Kenya. The meeting includes taking only soups to see how our desire to pray overshadows the desire for heavy meals. The most valuable lesson we learned is the role of self discipline that overcomes any desire that blocks a consistent prayer life. We also had some mountain top prayer sessions. While the Lord was on earth, He did significant mountain top prayer sessions. Is there any theological meaning to it? I do not know (maybe you do), but all of us in that mountain that overlooks a crater of an erupted volcano, confessed that it was a great time of personal reflection and evaluation of our commitment to God's gracious task.



Menengai Mountain
(overlooking its crater)

Couples Three "Fs"

On the fourteenth of this month the church's couples came together for the first time to have fellowship, fun and food. There were twelve couples present excluding us with Justin and Grace. In our discussion about family life, we found out the basic unit of the society is alarmingly weakened by cases of divorce, polygamy, trial and traditional marriages. Most of counseling activities deal with marital problems and we praise the Lord that our couples expressed a need to join hands in reflecting a strong and Godly marriage. Towards the end of our fellowship, we all sang joining our hands together, "We Are One in the Spirit".

GBC Nakuru
Couples' 3Fs

In His matchless grace,

Gardner, Ledith, Keren, Kezia and Kelly IMPROSO

PRAYER ISSUES

KENYA FIELD:

- **Urban churches having projects of either plot purchase or building materials. Nairobi (plot), Thika (building), Eldoret (plot), Kisumu (plot), Machakos (plot)**
- **One of our most valuable work horse in Kenya is the 10-year old 4wd Land Rover. The vehicle is currently being overhauled. It is going to cost more than $3000 and an exceptionally skillful mechanic to restore its condition.**
- **The Bible school plot is currently changed from commercial to residential use. It is a very slow process. Please pray for the completion of the transfer.**

NAKURU CHURCH:

- **Children's Sunday School Rooms. The church is launching a two-room building worth $1000. There is a growth of SS attendance. Currently the classes are using the house of Pastor Justin and Grace as rooms. The kids are in dire need to move out of the house and have their own!**
- **Thanksgiving for our mentoring program. Our trainees are now able to teach and preach, even create ways for church multiplication!**

OUR THANKS AND PRAISES:

- **To the Lord who is ever faithful in leading us through another year of exciting activities.**
- **To YOU whose love to reach others keeps up going through prayers and financial gifts.**

We wish joy in your celebration of this famous Season of the Savior's presence