

# Luz Gaddi

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Dear Prayer Partners & Supporters,

Greetings to you in the New Year from Mombasa, Kenya in our blessed Savior's Name. This has been my sixth assignment since 2008. Mombasa is along the seacoast of Kenya and the second largest city—50% of the people profess Christianity while 50% profess Islam.

With heavy heart I bade goodbye to the brethren in Kisumu last September. Accompanied by Pastor Titus, we travelled from Kisumu by bus (which looked as old as the mountains) for 15 hours. The Journey was long; fortunately the roads were mostly paved. In contrast Kisumu/Nyanza roads were rugged and bumpy with many potholes. I like everything nice and smooth. Apparently God was more interested in making me what He wants me to be than in giving me what I would like to have. Just before the Israelites trekked the Promised Land, God told them: "Your sandals shall be iron and bronze..." (Deut. 33:25). He seemed to say, "I won't fix the road for you, but I will fix you up so you can stand it, enjoy it and walk over it easily." It took quite a while to learn that, being used to travel on paved roads.

**Looking back**, two more Sunday School teacher seminars were held before I left Kisumu. One was in Guasi-Sori. Thirteen finished together with the pastor, women and youth. I fellowshipped that time with the Luo tribe brethren for ten days. The church was full during graduation. More than half were men. "Wow!" I told myself, "this is like dynamite. If only somebody will train these men, they can plant churches in nearby villages." Milka Adhiambo, one of the graduates, testified that they were taught bountifully and wisely. To show their appreciation the members sent me three live chickens and 15 lbs. of beans. Their repeated request was to visit them again.

Over the weekend, Pastor Titus asked me to teach Christian Ed. I to the GPT (Grace Pastoral Training) students. Two weeks later Maureen Lihanda and I taught the SS seminar in Ngija-Siaya, hometown of US Pres. Obama's relatives. Both pastors of these small churches studied with their members, plus two youth from a nearby Coptic Church. Charles wished for an elders' seminar: "So that we will be more effective," he added.

After this, I traveled with some Kisumu brethren to attend the Bi-Annual Conference in Nakuru. More than 120 pastors, Bible women and members from various Grace Bible churches enjoyed the fellowship in this bi-annual gathering. The theme was *Unity in the Body of Christ*. Field Director Samuel Mwangi asked me to speak about *Service in Humility*. Initially I felt unworthy. Who is an expert on humility? It's like a fragile, exotic, delicate flower, the slightest cold wind of pride and conceit will wither it right down. Yet it must be delivered, for God expects us to be humble before He can use us. As K.P. Yohannan said: "Humility is the place where all Christian service begins."



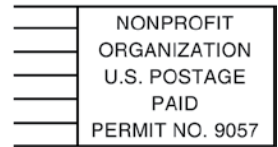
Ministry in Kisumu

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## NEWS FROM LUZ



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**Looking ahead**, there's so much that the Lord desires to be done here in Mombasa. It is a new field pioneered by Pastor Peter Kagwi and his family last year. With the help of his contact person, Pastor Kagwi started Berean Grace School of Ministry (BGSM). Last August 2010, missionaries Jim and Missy Tollar joined Pastor Kagwi, and taught together. "It was very difficult at first," Margaret Kagwi told me. Nevertheless, the Word has not returned to Him void. I am awed by the potency of the seed planted by Pastor Kagwi and the Tollars. To date seven churches along with their pastors have embraced the Grace message, whereas they were Pentecostals before. One of them suggested to Pastor Kagwi: "Your teaching the Word rightly divided is clear and enlightening. Why don't you go to the media and teach it?" Another pastor said, "You have given us a new perspective in studying and understanding the Bible." Pastor Kagwi is fully honest in this teaching/ training ministry. He added an evening class to his already six classes held in different places. I teach Early Childhood Development and Personal Evangelism. Aside from this Mrs. Kagwi and I do women's Ministry. Of course, my main line of ministry is training Sunday School teachers held at New Ambassador Grace Bible Church-Jomvu some three miles from where I stay. Mrs. Kagwi and I hike there every Saturday. In spite of the heat, dust and sweat (muddy when it rains) it is compensated by a good attendance. There are 17 students representing two churches along with their Pastors and wives.



Making plans for ministry with Pastor Peter and Margaret Kagwi



Luz teaching the Grace Message in Mombasa

As we press together for what lies ahead please kindly remember the following in your prayers:

- Amplifier and two speakers for Pastor Kagwi in order to show the *Jesus* film;  
(*Director's Note: Praise the Lord that all funds for the public address have been received! Pastor Peter just contacted me to tell me he was in Nairobi to purchase the equipment.*)
- God will open hearts and continue to give opportunities to reach the other 50% of Mombasa;
- Adjustment to inconveniences, like erratic electricity and no running water. "...the little foxes that spoil the vines..." can get you out of focus;
- Wisdom, strength and health.

In closing, thank you very much for faithfully praying and sharing your blessings in His service. Taking the money you earn and sending it to support a missionary whom most of you have never met, for whom you are also praying, is true sacrifice indeed and living by faith.

In Christ's immeasurable love,

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