



Construction of a new sanctuary at Eastleigh Church of God in Nairobi, the next stage in the building work is to put the roof on. It will cost £2,000 for the corrugated iron sheets.

MISSION TO AFRICA 2006

“To the weak I became weak that I might gain the weak. To all men I have become all things that I might by all means save some. And I do all things for the sake of the gospel that I may become a fellow partaker of it.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23.

Pearl, Liam and I were considered natives of Kenya.



The Leadership team at Eastleigh Church of God. They have been witnessing in this area for over 10 years and their vision is to further support the community in educating the children and providing health care. First we must give Father God the glory and praise His holy name for all that has been accomplished this year 2006 and we will like to say a BIG THANK YOU to you all for your encouragements, financial and prayer support to us as a family.

As many of you know we have had a year of ups and downs with our health, particularly with Pearl and they were those moments when those thoughts came that says did we really here correctly about the trip to Kenya.

As we look forward to the mission to Africa, we had to keep faith with what we had heard at first, irrespective of the circumstances that surrounded us, my hours decreased at work Pearl health had not improved and she will become unemployed due to the illness and our outgoings remain the same, financially the situation appears bleak.

"hope does not disappoint"

We also learnt that the college where Liam attends had arranged a field trip during the period we are to be away, but! There is always a but! And HOPE is always there. The word of God says that *"Hope does not disappoint"*.

"Pearl had an encounter with the Lord"



Four months prior to our intended trip to Kenya Pearl had an encounter with our Lord. He raised her out of the sick bed and told her that she were to go to Tanzania. Well! You can imagine the thoughts that flooded in, those questions, where and how is the money coming from to finance two trips in such a short time. Her trip to Tanzania was four weeks before we leave for Kenya

We kept the faith, we kept on believing that the Lord will make a way, and all our financial needs were met and a week before we leave the college notified Liam that they had change the date of the field trip, the new date will be the same day that we arrive back in England. This really encouraged and enthused us that Father God is working is purpose out.

The Lord knows all things and He sent Pearl on her first overseas mission to Tanzania as preparation for Kenya.



Pearl and Betty admiring a small church building that Dr Alexander and some of the locals are building next to the clinic. This chapel will be integral to the medical work at a rural clinic. Dr Alexander runs the overstretched health centre is a man of God and uses his medical skills with Father God's power for healing. This was a very hot day and the team prayed for many sick people at the clinic. This was their first stop before going far out into the village to minister

This mission has made an immense impact on Pearl's life. The Lord Jesus used it to shower that His people all over the world desire's to hear His word and needs encouraging not to give up looking unto Him for help. Pearl was greatly touched when she saw their physical needs and wanted to help them meet those needs but this was not possible. This we do know! Father God love is continually poured out toward them.



The Church meets under a tree that gives shelter from the sun, the people meet to celebrate and praise the Lord, they have no church building, and only one Bible between them in the congregation.

Pearl thought she had nothing to offer the team on this trip, but in obedience to what Father God had told her, she went. The Lord enhances the spiritual gifts he has given to us and Pearl Prophetic gift came to the forefront during this mission trip to Tanzania

"When Pearl spoke the prophetic word over me I was truly overwhelmed by the power of God"

Bishop Joshua

Bishop Joshua who lives in Musoma and travelled with the team writes that the villagers were blessed by how the team from England came and ministered to them, whilst the well known evangelists only remaining the large cities. They were also pleased that the team ate the food prepared for them.



Bishop Joshua has planted a Number of churches in Tanzania and He as a vision of building an orphanage at a newly acquired site in Musoma, he also desire to establish there a clinic and a place of worship a school and more. Please pray for this project that our Lord will indeed provide the funds necessary for the accomplishment of this vision. Many of the orphans are the product of HIV Aids. There are many times when Joshua and his family go to bed having nothing to eat

for that day but they keep on believing that his Father God will provide. Often members of his congregation will come to him seeking for something to eat and he is not able to help, Joshua is not paid for what he does and he and his family lives by faith.



Pit stop/watering hole in the middle of the Serengeti National Park. Our

*Reverend Byrum and
Youth pastor Harrison*



Journey to Nairobi was a pleasant one. Whilst waiting to board we met a man who introduced himself as a Rev. When we arrived at Nairobi he helped us locate our baggage's and guided us through customs, we were not stopped or searched as the officers seemed to recognize him as he nodded at them and beckoned us to follow him. We are truly blessed, all our cases were full with Christian literature we had 16 New Testament study Bibles, 15 Gospels of John and a large number of teaching materials.

Reverend Byrum had indicated that there was a great need for Bibles and teaching materials at Eastleigh Church of God

On meeting with Rev. Byrum for the first time at the Methodist Guest House, he was so excited to meet us. He shared that for over twenty five years he had been praying that someone from England would visit and fellowship with him and the believers under his care. Pastor Harrison accompanied him and Harrison was to be our driver over the coming days.

"I have prayed for over twenty five year for this moment"

We were invited to witness an African wedding on the Saturday and we spent the day at the church after we been to the Scripture Union Bookshop to purchase some Bibles for the church. We purchased 21 Bibles, 19 in Swahili and two study Bibles in English. All Bibles consisted of the Old and New Testament. A special thank you! To those of you who contributed funds toward the purchasing of these. Rev. Byrum told the congregation that they now have bibles to use on Sundays and at their House Groups meetings on Saturdays, the congregation offered up a clap offering to the Lord for his provision.



On the Sunday we ministered both services. The youth service was in english and a number of them said that they were really blessed by what the Lord did. They were encouraged by testimonies shared by Pearl and some individuals asked for personal ministry. The main service was again a time real celebration where the choir led us in

worship and this service was conducted in Swahili with an interpreter. Toward the end of the service there was a special offering taken up for education, and after we had finished I noticed a young man given some money, I later found out that this young man is a youth pastor in Kabrera, known as the largest slum in Africa. The money given to him was to pay for his fees at a training conference.



Reverend Byrum mentioned to us that about a hundred, worshiper had left the church over the last year because they could not contribute to the appeals being made for money toward the building of the sanctuary.

Eastleigh Church of God is situated in the eastern part of Nairobi and a large Muslim population surrounds it.

Paster Byrum shared the vision that the church has for the area, which is to provide schooling for the children. They have already started a nursery school. They intend to build a clinic to provide medical care for the community after the sanctuary is completed. The area where the pile of bricks is has been designated for the site of the clinic. When Reverend Byrum is in town. This is where he lives. He



mentioned when all the building work to the sanctuary and the clinic is finished, the construction of a more secure structure for the minister will begin. We really had a blessed time with the brothers and sisters Eastleigh and Rev.Byrum writes after our visit,



"I thank our heavenly Father to have prepared and planned the tour of Pastor Tony, Pearl and Liam to come to Kenya, Nairobi and Eastleigh. We were encouraged, challenged and blessed by this happy cheerful family. It is a family that God has given them special gifts for the growth and expansion of the church".

Our second week was spent in Mombasa and what a week this was.

We give Father God thanks for His blessings poured out on us, all our travel arrangement went according to plan, except for our hotel, before we leave England we had reserved our room and we had confirmation that a room with



a garden view was reserved for us, but when arrived at the hotel and entered our room the picture below shows you the view that greeted us every morning that we awake, isn't our Father God good to us!

Pastor Charles met us at Mombasa train station with his fiancée pastor Martha, it was a really special and emotional meeting. Charles and I have not met for over six years but our spirit is one. It was Liam 17th birthday the following day so we all met up again and had dinner and made plans for the coming days. We had not expected to meet Martha and the itinerary was added to so that we could visit her fellowship and share with the young people there.



During our stay at the hotel our Lord put us in contact with three young ladies, two of them worked at the hotel and the other is a singing artist who from time to time appears there. All three ladies received blessings from the Lord as we ministered to them



We had not planned to minister at the hotel, it was not on our agenda but Father God desired us to do so. One lady was Carol, who approached us and asked “are you musicians”? “I have seen you come and go with a guitar case” Yes! We sing for Jesus. She asked “are you from America”? No! We are from England. With a shocked expression on her face she told us that she did not believe that there were any Christians in England. We asked her “why”? She told us that all the English guests that she had spoken to and mentioned Jesus did not believe in Christ and that a number of them tried to direct her to a website that disapprove of Jesus.

Carol was encouraged as we spoke and prayed with her during our stay there. The night before we leave we were fellowshiping with Pastor Charles and Martha when his mobile phone rang, he handed it to me and it was Carol, she was in hospital after a fall and damaged her shoulder and was to be operated on tomorrow. She had rang pastor Charles to ask him to let us know that she will not see us before we leave because she was in hospital. We prayed with her over the phone believing that Farther God will do a mighty work in her situation. The next evening while awaiting our flight back, we had a text message from Pastor Charles that he had heard from Carol and she told him that she had received a MIRACLE last night after we had prayed with her. We give Father God the glory and praise His holy name. Amen



This experience at the hotel reminds us that Father God can use us where- where ever we are. He only asks that we be we be ready and willing to be used by him and He will do the rest of the others Hope received Father God forgiveness, threw out hordes of J/W watch tower magazines. Diane was



encouraged and received boldness.

Pastor Charles met us at the hotel on the Sunday morning as planned and took us to the place of worship at Kiembeni Pentecostal Church. We had a blessed time there with the saints. The young people choir shared a number of songs and the ladies group really let their hair down as they led us in worship, the Spirit of the Lord was evident among us, the word was preached and was well received.



A number of the congregation Responded for ministry after the service. We give Father God the glory because all those who responded on that Sunday said how blessed they were.

Pearl ministering to a young man who Incur some disability from falling out of a tree. This young man really touched our heart; even with the disabilities he praised the Lord with all his ability.



Pastor Charles wrote. Greetings in Jesus name, thank you for visiting me here in Mombasa, I really appreciated it. Martha and I could not hold our joy and gladness – you were really a great encouragement and love in our lives and the church. The members and the children of Faithword School liked your music, your preaching and also Pearl's prophetic message which

she ministered has started to be fulfilled, so Pearl, continue!

"Pearl's prophetic messages has started to be fulfilled"

Don't be afraid God loves you and you are our family, friend and ministry partner, so we have decided

we should work together every year. We have a mission trip – and workshop – seminars. So pray for all this because really we appreciated your visit, preaching and also your company we'll never forget.



Your trip was God ordained a great revelation to the church and to Charles family and also Martha and I found a new hope and direction and we can see new things happening to push our stay together, so we are happy. We really appreciate also your church and its members who sponsored you. They should do so more and more because inside you are good and precious things which need to born and bless God's family.

"I have seen a great vision about you"

I have seen great vision about you and also the church you are ministering because the Lord have opened a great wide way for your gifts to operate and where they will be appreciated. Charles

When we had finished at Kiembeni we were whisked off to the village of Mtwapa where we met Pastor Martha and some members of the Christian Foundation Fellowship.



We did not know what to expect here in Mtwapa except that the people are very poor. Many waited for us to arrive; they were very patient because of our lateness. Of all the places we visited, this little village of Mtwapa touched our hearts most. Pastor Martha shared with us that three years ago our Lord led her to this village. We ministered the word of God with these saints and prayed with a number of them.

Her reply really touched us

After the service we notice the children running out of the little church building and we observed these children eating two slices of bread and drinking squash from a little pop bottle.

We asked Pastor Martha if this was a treat that she gives to the children after the services, her reply touched us. She told us that for most of these children around us, this will be their only meal for the day.

Pastor Martha told us that the Christian Foundation Fellowship takes care of twenty orphans in the village; these children have lost one or both parent due to HIV AIDS.

The fellowship is the only source of food that these children have access to, so each day she brings what she can for them. In the picture below we made the mistake to assume that those children dressed in the same clothing was wearing a uniform but Pastor Martha put us straight, she told us that the material was donated to the church and they made as many outfits from it as they can. This is all they have to wear.



This village of Mtwapa has no source of clean water for cooking or drinking. Sometime ago they did have a well but from what I can understand because of the Christian influence in the village some person or persons killed a dog and threw it down the well thus fouling the water. The authorities came and sealed it but did not dig a new one. Pastor Martha vision is to bring fresh water to the village, complete a more secure building to worship in and to use as a school, to build a kitchen and a sanitary block. Her first priority is to provide fresh water and this will cost about £2,000 to bore a hole of 80 feet and have it capped and to provide a water pump and tank. We believe with her that Father God will provide the finance needed to bring clean water to this village of MTWAPA.



Pastor Benson the youth minister at Christian Foundation Fellowship wrote the following; **PASTOR BENSON NGANGA - CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP-MTWAPA-MOMBASA-KENYA**

I saw it good that I share with you testimonies from our church of people who have been talking of your visit to our Mtwapa and how the Lord used you and your wife to bring a change into their lives.

First I just want to say thank you especially for the Study Bible you gave me it has been of big help while I'm preparing for sermons.



When I informed the youth's that you were coming to minister to them there was that atmosphere of expectation and on the day before that Sunday that

you came, the youth's took time to pray to receive from the Lord through your ministering.

"the devil brings a mountain of disappointments"

You read from the book of Roms: 5:1-5 and taught on overcoming discouragement for there is hope for tomorrow. You also spoke of how Paul refused to take the young John Mark with him, because there was a division between Paul and Mark the gospel still got spread. You also read from Rom 8:28 and spoke on the purpose of us being alive today and if we have hoped we shall overcome disappointment. You also spoke of the evil servant and the punishment by the master (Matt 25:45).

Out of your sermon the Lord gave me a revelation that the devil brings a mountain of disappointments just to make us shift our hope from Christ, eventually killing our faith in the Lord, so that we become he the devils slave. But as long as we have hope in Jesus victory is always ours.



Your wife Pearl was such a blessing to us reading from (Matt 6:25-26) speaking on overcoming worry. For even if we worry; we would not add up anything in our lives, but just trouble! She emphasized especially, on not worrying about this life for the Lord knows us better. Therefore we should seek the kingdom first and the best shall be added to us.

When we overcome worry we are able to pull the kingdom of God to us, therefore, the kingdom brings blessing to us.

As I talk to the youth's about your visit, there was an atmosphere of expectation. HERE ARE SOME TESTIMONIES FROM THEM.

"After the services Pastor Tony spoke to us while the youth are not only leaders of tomorrow, but they're also leaders of today. Since then I have a different view in life for I thought a time would come for me to be a leader in the future, but that time can be even now". (Gedion)



"I had a problem of fear in my life due to my past experiences. Mrs. Tony gave a word of knowledge of people with fear in the church. I believed that the Lord had delivered me from fear right now I'm able to face challenging issues" (Peter)

"I was blessed by the word that we should seek first the kingdom of God then we shall receive the best" (Maney)

There are many testimonies from other people of how you were a blessing to them through your singing

Personally, I thank God because I have been having back pain since I underwent an operation to fuse my hip, especially, after standing for long hours while preaching, but since you prayed for me I'm totally delivered/healed.

This has been my prayer for so long and from deep in my heart I give God all the glory. Before I didn't like to pray for sick people I used to close my eyes tight and didn't ask them how they felt after prayers.



After my healing the Lord spoke to me and told me to be praying for the sick with my eyes open that He may prove to me that he heals

Now I pray for the sick with my eyes open. I tell them to do what they couldn't do and I have seen miracles happening

May the Lord continue using you as he wills as you travel all over the world ministering to people and spreading the gospel?

I just have one word to share with you *"God is not a man that He should lie nor a son of man that he should change His mind"*

(Num 23:19)

God bless Benson

We visited the Faithword Academy Nursery & Primary School in Kiembeni, Mombasa. I visited this school six years ago when I was last in Kenya and at that time the school had two buildings and about sixty pupils.

Today the school has grown to over three hundred and fifty pupils and another block has been built with three more classrooms. We were impressed with the welcome given to us, each class sang a song for us as we entered in and we were truly blessed.



After a tour of the school premises we met with the children for an assembly and again the children sang for us. We had the privilege of praying with class eight who were seven days from taking their final exam, which determines where they go next for their further educational studies, university, college etc.

Best in English! In all of Kenya

Faithword Academy is totally dependent on funding from our charitable hearts. They receive no funding from the state because they are a Christian

school, throughout our tour of the school; Pastor Charles kept telling us how good Father God is by providing for the school

This school is situated in heart of the Muslim community and fifty percent of the pupils that attend this Christian school are from Muslim homes. There is a varied mixed of pupils here including orphans, most pupils that attends are unable to contribute towards their schooling

The last academic year 2005 Faithword Academy had the best pupil in English! In all of Kenya. It was amusing listening to the recounting events of the difficulties the Educational Authorities had in trying to find this small school to present this special pupil with a certificate at a presentation ceremony.

Listed below are some of the needs at the locations that we visited during our two weeks stay in Kenya:

FAITHWORD ACADEMY NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLASTERING AND PAINTING OF UPPER PRIMARY, **TOILETS AND URINAL FOR THE BOYS**

COMPLETING OF NEW CLASSROOM, EXTRA DESKS/CHAIRS

STORAGE TANK, STAFF KITCHEN, **WATER FACILITIES**

REINFORCE OF PARTITIONS IN KINDERGARTEN, WATER FACILITIES

TEXTBOOKS, **TRANSPORT BUS TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN DURING RAINY SEASON**

TEACHERS' SALARY, **LIBRARY AND BOOKS TO BUILD**, SCHOOL COMPUTERS

DRAINING SYSTEM, DUE TO FLOODING IN THE RAINY SEASON

SWINGS FOR THE KINDERGARTEN, **EXTRA LAND, DUE TO INCREASE OF CHILDREN**

THE VILLAGE OF MTWAPA, THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

A NEED FOR CLEAN WATER, **BOREHOLE**, WATER TANK AND **WATER PUMP** ;

A NURSERY SCHOOL, HOSTEL, FOR THE ORPHANS; KITCHEN, TO COOK HOT MEALS FOR THE ORPHANS, **SANITARY FACILITIES**.

EASTLEIGH CHURCH OF GOD, NAIROBI.

A NEED TO COMPLETE THE SANCTUARY, BUILD A CLINIC FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE MINISTER'S RESIDENCE.

All the above require finance to meet the needs of these communities. Please pray that Father God will touch hearts to provide the financial support needed.

We went to Kenya with an open mind and heart trusting in Father God, that He will do whatever He desire with us. Yes, we had a certain plan but apart from our time with Pastor Byrum and the meetings penciled in, the itinerary was very much in the hands of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord never ceases to amaze us. He led a certain lady from Australia to America to Kenya to Nairobi to the Methodist Guest House where we were staying, for her to give Liam a message from Father God

In this same hotel we met a young minister and his family. We later found out from them that they have been praying for sometime to meet new friends. Truly their prayers were answered when we met them and Patrick and Grace made an impact on our lives as we did to theirs. Patrick took us to the Animal Orphanage in Nairobi on our rest day and later showed us around the church compound in Keyole where he ministers

Patrick testified how our Lord Jesus had saved him from death on numerous occasions. One that remains with us was when two gun men visited him at the church one day with the intention to kill him because they were contracted to do so. Patrick told us that he had just had a quite time with our Lord and during this time the Lord reminded him of the scripture, *"No weapon that formed against you shall prosper"*. When he came out of his office he found the gun men waiting to shoot him, as he looked at them and the scripture came to mind and the two men turned and walk away.

The next day he returned to the church building and found that it was broken into an all the chairs and electrical equipment and musical instruments were stolen, better the equipment go than him.



When the Lord Jesus commissioned His disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel. Many believers say to themselves, this is not for me it's for those super evangelists, those great preachers and teachers. I am not as special as they are; I am just an ordinary Christian. These thoughts are common to most of us and I was of no exception. Tony often says to

me "Pearl you need to go on a mission it will change your life". Well, I had no choice in the matter has you have already read. Obeying the Holy Spirit to go where He sent us has indeed changed our lives.

We pray that many more of Father God's children will be obedient to their calling and go. Our brothers and sisters in Africa exhibited such a deep love for our Lord Jesus Christ and having a wealth of faith, trusting that He will meet all their physically, spiritual and material needs, but most of all they want to see people come to know our Lord Jesus Christ. We will always remember the smiles on their faces, poverty, having no parents; no change of clothes or shoes, the lists goes on. This did not stop these people from praising our Lord Jesus Christ.

If after you read this and you feel you what to talk to you us, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. It could be that you would like to meet your brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa.

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