

Dear saints and co-laborers in Christ,

The year began with terrible violence after the presidential election because many felt that the vote count was fraudulent. That violence tore at the fabric of our national state as people reverted to their tribal loyalties. The resurgence of tribal loyalties shook the unity of the Church in Kenya as believers reverted to carnal loyalties and behavior. Our local Church family recognized that we must rise to the need of the occasion and shine forth the love of God and the truth that we are only one body – the Body of Christ



The Light of God mandated that we let the Light shine through us or deny its existence. Obedience to the Light impelled us to preach reconciliation, forgiveness and acts of service at home and in surrounding towns. The acts of loving service ministered to the needs of those whose loved ones were killed and to those who were injured, maimed or displaced from their homes. We could not ignore their glaringly obvious needs; we also sought to discover and meet their hidden needs. All this required sensitivity to the larger purpose of God to

transform the society through our ministry.

The post election violence made travel dangerous and put people who were not of the local tribe at risk of attack. These conditions made opening the Bible School a real uphill battle. Although it opened three weeks late (January, 21st), we were blessed to receive a sizeable number of students who attended the entire session. The Bungoma Bible School held its last graduation ceremony of the year on November 28th. The more than forty graduates returned to their home churches to bless the flock. We are looking forward to receiving more students in January 2009 when the school will again open. Continue praying for and supporting us in this great work.



Word Camp meetings were held April 7th – 13th. The hand of God was in manifestation. Many people were touched by the anointed word. The attendance was remarkably good. We thank God for the following preachers blessed whom us in the meetings: George Odhiambo, Joseph Omondi, and Justus Ochuro. The annual Youth Conference was held August 11th – 16th. The Youth were blessed to hear the Word of God. God's majestic presence was decisively manifested with speed and unperturbed peace.



Every Christian exists to love everyone into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to find his or her place in His body, the Church. Mark 16:20 was fulfilled, “And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following.” Many people gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We co-labored with the Lord to plant churches in Roadblock at Eldoret, and in Matuu; they are doing very well. The Lord gave us a new approach to win more souls for Christ in Bungoma. Several crusades were organized to reach people in each Home Bible Fellowship area of responsibility. Our clear mandate from the servant King is, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matt 5:15-16) Therefore, we seek to have our Christian faith relate to the people around us. Each member of the church is equipped to do the works of the ministry and so to strengthen both the whole church and the home groups. To this end, the ‘Jesus Light’ that each

of us carries within is to so light up our lives that it shines through our works and brings glory to our heavenly Father. The crusades offered perfect opportunities for the church to do so. They were very successful.

Currently, the ladies explosion is in progress. The hand of God is manifest in these meetings.

One of our greatest financial challenges of the year came when the Bible school roof was blown off by a storm in April. Through the giving of our friends and members of the church the roof was replaced and the remaining funds enabled the construction of Sunday school classrooms that are in the last phase of completion.



The children's home, having received two more children this year, now has 23 children under our watch and care. We pray that the Lord would touch more people to send increased support for these needy orphans. Your love is easily visible through service and giving to support the home. Each one of us needs to look after the good of such orphans, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's

exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles but waded right in and helped out. Let us therefore be people who are passionate with hopes of educating and inspiring the rest of us to use our resources, abilities, and influence to help those in need.



God has been so good to us. Indeed we can say we have seen his hand performing great miracles and have reason to rejoice because of His great care and concern for the ministry as a whole. We are so thankful and blessed by you and to the Lord for co-laboring with us.

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