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Bwana Asifiwe (Praise the Lord!),

First, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are very thankful for all of your prayers and support.

Since arriving in Kenya in August, we have been training two groups of pastors, one group locally and another one about twenty minutes away. Both groups started out with a rather large number of 20 or more people attending, and both groups are now down to around five people. **In the end, if one man's heart can be changed to follow the Truth, and in turn repeat the process, we will praise God.** A man of this culture, an insider, can better impact the people than we can, because we are still outsiders.

Many churches around here are acting as a business, a way of income for the pastors. Every Sunday the message is, "Give your offerings and give your tithes and be blessed, or else!" Rarely is there any other message. The following story proves this reality: **About once a week, we visit some of the neediest widows in our area bringing them encouragement from the Word and a bag of groceries.** One widow that we visited this past week gave her life to Christ. In her better health, she had been attending a local church which was teaching the same things on blessings and tithing. To her, being a Christian

meant "give money to church and God will bless me." She also mentioned that the pastor never gave an altar call and she didn't know how to come to Christ. So we explained the Gospel to her and what Jesus did for her and explained that she didn't need an altar call.

She was so happy to receive the amazing gift of salvation, knowing

she could have a personal relationship with Him along with the assurance that she will be with her Father one day in heaven. She then sang praises to her Lord and we prayed.

The scary thing is that many of these "pastors" in the local church are lost and are leading their flocks along a path of destruction and deceit. Most have never had any training and don't study the Word.



The widow singing praise to her King as a new follower



A widow and her precious smile as she received some groceries



Playing musical chairs before the devotion and worship



Teaching the kids

The ministry can become overwhelming at times when we see the Words of Jesus are true “the laborers are few.” There are many who need the true Gospel, but there are only so many days in a week and the need for more laborers is great—not only in our small area and not just in Kenya, but all over the world. **So as Jesus said, pray for laborers, people who are willing to go and teach the Truth and train in the Word because these false teachings are all over the world.**

We have been training another group of men who will be heading the Jesus Film ministry once we start! Our vision is that once the Jesus Film is shown in an area, these men will meet with those that gave their lives to Christ once a week for discipleship. Our prayer is that these small groups will turn in to small, simple churches in the different areas.

We met with a new contractor in November about building permanent houses for the kids! We made some slight changes because the old plan was too

big for our land, so now we are building UP! The new plans have been made, but they are also more costly. The total cost is projected to be around \$150,000! We currently have around \$14,000. We purchased a block machine, so we will be making our own blocks. The labor is negotiable along with a few other things, so hopefully we can knock at least \$20,000 off the total. **We are still a long way from our goal, but as Willis (our Kenyan partner) says, “I can see the money inside God’s pocket! We shouldn’t worry.”** And Tim’s goofy response was, “Can you reach it?” So we are just praying and practicing patience.

We are excited for Christmas for our kids! Our home church provided funds for gifts, and we have started shopping! The 27 girls are getting dresses made for them. There’s still a lot of work to do! We are hoping to have funds available to get the kids a delicious Christmas feast!

If you wish to donate toward this or any of the other needs, see the insert enclosed. Visit worldim.com/give for

donation options. Our missionary number is 266 and the building project number is 5266.

If you want to receive more frequent updates, send us an email and let us know, and we will add you to our email list!

Thank you for your heart for the people of Africa and your faithfulness to stand with us.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- More laborers
- For God to change the hearts of the pastors and give them knowledge and wisdom
- For the discipleship of the children
- A possible new church plant in our area
- Funds for the building project



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