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“I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me” Matt. 25:36

Dear Friends,

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We thank God that good rains have finally come to much of East Africa. Thank you for your Famine Relief Support that has helped many families until their harvest comes in August. However there are urgent matters for prayer: **1. Sindo Bay province** (Lake Victoria) is in a rain shadow, and has missed out; crops have totally failed, so we will continue support and it may be many months before rains fall.

2. Kenya elections are due in August. Previous elections have seen bloodshed between tribes stirred by political activists. The 2007 elections saw terrible scenes with 1000 killed and properties burnt.

Food distribution to needy believers



Dr. Mel Heazlewood & Richard White visit - East Africa April-May 2017:

“We are pleased to report many pockets of blessing and encouragement in the work of AAA in East Africa during our 4 week visit. We were able to hold meetings in quite a few different assemblies, orphanages and schools as well as a couple of prisons and vacation Bible Schools in Rongo, Busia and Githurai (Nairobi). There were good attendances at all these meetings with opportunities in evangelism and Bible teaching. Many professed faith in Christ and a willingness to study a range of Bible topics including doctrine, practical Christian living, evangelistic outreach and church growth.

Daniel & Terry Shiranda and family need prayer. He is very keen to plant new churches and reach into many homes and also holds open-air preaching. A new assembly was planted while in Kimillili area (Kenya/Uganda border) with potential for several more. 20 Emmaus students have been studying the lessons for two years or more with a lot of interest in the gospel in surrounding districts, such as Mt Elgon, Siangwe, Bungoma and Kapenguria. A pocket of SDA's turned to the Lord in one place and are continuing to attend services.

Evans Akwale is also helping Daniel, teaching young believers in this region and also nearby Webuye where **Alex Masika** is working among 8 to 9 churches. Evans is an experienced Bible teacher and Alex has expressed his desire for him to spend time teaching NT principles among all these churches. Pray for Evans & Jane, as they are in demand not only in Western Province, but in these newer areas to the north, also in Uganda where John Ouma has invited Evans to spend weeks at a time in Bible teaching there among 5 churches which are in a lot of need. Please pray for them. We were richly blessed in our time with 3 of these churches - Busitema, Matofu & Kayunga.

Among the Kissi we had good meetings in Baraka and Mosochi assemblies area but a lot of help is required in nearby churches, e.g. Motontera, Nyagacho and Namage. Pray that the Lord will bring workers to this area to assist. A main leader in Motontera has re-married and moved on, causing heartache.

William & Sarah Akoto continue on well in Kopanga area with 6 churches now in nearby Tanzania, in two of which we

had excellent meetings (Ikoma & Riangoro). Pray also for the almost 300 students in William's school which includes many orphans. Sarah recently lost her father and William's father is ill in hospital awaiting surgery.

Abraham & Lillian Sitienei need prayer as they are establishing a work in Narok among the Massai with almost 20 members. One member, Rose, is not well with a sick child. A couple of elders among the Massai assemblies ask for prayer in regard to employment as they are wood collectors and are experiencing real difficulties. Continue to pray for growth and encouragement for these Massai churches and for **John and Sylvia Ongele** as they need land and a house. They live in Kilgoris with some distance to travel to the Masaai churches. Sylvia recently lost her father.

We visited 3 Assemblies in Mombasa area (Ukunda, Kuruku & Diani Beach). We were encouraged by what is happening there. Kuruku needs land for a chapel and Diani Beach is in a real dilemma with their chapel built on a road reserve as they found out after purchasing! Pray for a resolution to this problem. Finance was given for new accommodation for Ezekiel, a leading brother in Ukunda.

Contents of our container, sent Jan. 2017, was very much appreciated by the saints and used in many regions for orphanages, schools, and chapels. It contained many items meeting many needs. Churches were grateful to donors in Australia for the encouragement given. (Our thanks to **Wayne & Jill Foale & Team**, *Faith In Service* ministry, who gather donations, pack and ship. **See the Page 2 report.** Ed.).

The drought has affected different areas of East Africa. Some areas had good rainfall while we were there but it will be August before harvest time, so AAA will need to tide them over the famine situation that exists in Sindo region. **Daniel Ochieng** has done a great job with this as also with the container. Pray for him and all our leading brothers over there who do a faithful work in many ways

We praise God for all His grace and goodness in so many ways to so many people. We thank everyone for all the gifts given and we earnestly request continuing prayer for the great work that God is doing .”

Greetings to all, Dr. Mel Heazlewood & Richard White.

Reports of the Work and Workers - Famine still biting

Daniel & Damaria Ochieng: “Yesterday I was in Sindo at the Lwimi Assembly, where the situation is very bad, as their crops have totally failed as they have on Mufangano & Rusinga Islands, at Karedford, Mikei and Bande. We are praying with them. Last Sunday I was with the Lange church with Leadership Training from Thursday to Sunday. We have many challenges, but we are daily trusting in the Lord. This Thursday I will go to buy some Beans at a reasonable price, and more Maize on Friday. All for food distribution in the Sindo Bay District for churches listed above.”

Church Growth in North West Kenya

Daniel & Terry Shiranda: “Please pray for the new churches that have started in both Bungoma and Trans Nzoia Counties in Kenya. We now have three more newly planted churches: **1.** On 17th June we visited with Evans Akhwale Soyoming church in Trans Nzoia near Mt.Elgon. **2.** Namanjalala church in Trans Nzoia and **3.** Mirere church. Now Kimilili assembly (our home church) are planning for the elders/leaders training for two days. This training will involve leaders; we expect 10 to attend from the three mentioned churches together with Kimilili. We have requested the school head teacher where we are gathering to give two rooms where elders will sleep for the two days during training. Please pray for them to catch up fast with the New Testament doctrine in the churches.

These four churches are in rental places and we are trusting that God will provide land for Kimilili so that we may be able to host other believers from other assemblies for Bible training now that we are at the centre of the new established churches in these areas. Kindly stand with us on the side of rent as we continue teaching the new born babies how to give. I am forced with my wife to take some of our AAA support to help in paying the rent for new churches. We urgently request your help with the rent situation.”

Linking Arms with ‘Faith in Service’ (who sent a container to Kenya)

“Faith in Service grew from successive disasters in the Pacific Region with the rebuilding of Christian Schools and Churches devastated by Tsunamis and Cyclones. Roofing Iron, Building Materials and Food Supplies packed these hungry beasts. Upon a request from AAA a Container was dispatched in January 2017 to Kenya: eight tons of Roofing Materials, Building Supplies, Welders, a Generator and Tools, 1,000 Bibles with reading glasses accompanying them, Linen from Cairns Motels helped to fill empty spaces, this was sold for extra funds. Deep Gratitude goes mainly to **Peninsula Palms Retirement Village Residents** who funded this very worthwhile project”, **Yours in Christ, Wayne and Jill Foale.** (You can Contact **Wayne** on +61 4077 736 244. All donations of goods, cash for containers & freight gratefully accepted. Ed.)



Pray for the work in Tanzania – National cleansing?

Lawrence & Pasisi Guyali, Tanzania: “The Dar es Salaam assembly continues well, strong and determined despite numerous setbacks experienced in the past. Continue holding us in your thoughts and prayers. I am currently in Nairobi, Kenya, to look for a permanent passport. Ever since the new leadership under the new president of Tanzania commenced, there have been so many ups and downs, especially to foreigners.

I’ve witnessed many expatriates relocating back to their motherland because of tough enforced regulations. This includes Malawians, members of our assembly. Many without valid passport or permits were told to gather at a certain field to be given proper documentation only to be rounded up and thrown into cells. To be released they had to cough up some big amount of money of which most don’t have. This led many to move back to their country or others to stay hidden on the outskirts of Dar for the fear of victimization.

Even Kenyans on the Kenya/Tanzanian border weren’t spared, with families who had intermarried torn apart from their loved ones. Social media in Tanzania was filled with hate speech towards Kenyans saying ‘*These people are here to take our jobs and yet they don’t have permits*’ till it instilled fear within me. I have only a temporary passport which I’ve been renewing annually, but my wife and daughter have none – which pains me.

Another challenge is the church registration. It has been an uphill task but after the documentation issue gets completed, then there may be brethren who might help. My co-brother in the ministry, **Br Paul from India**, has moved his family to India for his sons’ further studies. Hold him in your prayers as he is all alone in Tanzania. Hold us as an assembly in your prayers because Dar es Salaam is a stony place to grow a church with a New Testament pattern. We just need God’s grace.” (No registrations have been given out for years, as there are many Moslems in Government –Ed.)

From the Management Committee of AAA:

Thank you for your prayers and practical support. The visits of John and Narelle Melville and Dr. Mel Heazlewood and Richard White earlier this year was very encouraging with souls being saved and continuing church planting in many places. Pray that the Lord of the harvest may provide every need and that we may have the wisdom in all that we do in visiting and promoting this work. **Yours in His service, Dr. Mel Heazlewood, John Melville and Garry McCulloch**