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Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:1

PRAISE

- **Ministry:** Both coach workshops, as well as Les' follow-up trip to Mombasa went very well. God's favor was evident on all three! See reports!
- **Co-Laborers:** The Waldrops are back after 2 months in USA. We met Colin and Fey Holtum from England who are also here teaching on cells. Theresa Hill is visiting from India.
- **Materials:** The book, cell leader training, and cell discipleship materials are all progressing!
- **Donations:** are still coming in, enabling us to complete the final 2009 ministry commitments.

PRAYER

- **Five 1-Day Mtgs Dec. 7-11:** The Nanyuki Region is called the heartland of Kenya and encircles Mt. Kenya, home of Kikuyu god Ngai. It was also home of the Mau Mau rebellion. Pray for the four messages (Leadership in the home, church, nation & Kingdom) Les will be sharing to strike at the heart! These are key "hot buttons" with Kenyan pastors. This is also a test....a possible prep for a week of training in 2010?
- **Twyla's foot:** It's plantar fasciitis. So, following the Dr's orders, but still in need of healing.

MINISTRY UPDATES

MOMBASA FOLLOW-UP

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Les, along with Dedan and Victor, made the 8-hour bus trip across half of Kenya to Mombasa, where they met with coastal pastors for a day of consultation and coaching on Monday, before returning home Monday night.

This sharp group of pastors have been the most responsive of all the groups we have worked with to date.

This follow-up with pastors along the Coastal Region who had attended the Cell Conference in June, included Q&A, time for testimonies of what had happened in their churches since June, and the use of a S.W.O.T. analysis to help assess where they were at, and what was needing to be done next.

One pastor shared about how he is forming cells of only five people. When Les asked about his reason behind that strategy, he explained that he has found it works best because of the intensity and model with which he must train his leaders and with which they must pastor their cell members. Why? Almost

NONE of his leaders can read or write, so each one must be developed through one-on-one mentoring!

REAL TALK TRAINING

Les presented this one day introductory coach workshop for educators and professionals at Pan African Christian University on Friday, Oct. 30. All held Master of Leadership degrees. They eagerly received the training, and several attendees have already inquired about continuing with professional coach training. The live "demos" resulted in actual problems being solved, and even a decision made to change career fields. Les has been encouraged to now hold this training in 2010 for the business community in Nairobi. Thanks for your prayers!

2ND COACH WORKSHOP

The second of three workshops for Les' ten coach trainees was a great one-day, 12-hour packed, learning experience. Dreams began to be transformed into reality! Not only will the third module begin in January, but Les also plans to start another new cohort.



Left: Pastor George & Pastor Stanley sharing in the Mombasa meeting.

Below: Les' Real Talk Workshop at PAC.



WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

NEW BELIEVER!

One Sunday in October we arrived early at church and while chatting with Peter, the young man who helped get Les' iPhone back last spring, Les was introduced to Peter's cousin, Andrew. Andrew had decided to come to a church service looking for spiritual reality.

The Holy Spirit had been working all week on Andrew's heart, creating spiritual thirst. He had called Peter several times asking if he could come to church with him, then confirming it. Within minutes of talking with Les, Andrew had chosen to give his life to Jesus. Les was the happy "mid-wife" who got to deliver the baby right there on the spot!

Praise the Lord for new life, the first new Christian saved through the new church plant! I am also thrilled to say that Andrew has been in church every Sunday since then, even when Peter couldn't come due to his work.

MAASAI HERDSMEN

The spacious view from both of our study windows looks eastward to a large neighboring empty lot fringed by various apartment buildings. Maasai herdsman live in tin shanties on the property, while pasturing their herd of bone-protruding cows on the grass in the lot, as well as herding them along the city streets in search of additional green vegetation.

This tribe is known for drinking milk mixed with blood, retaining traditional dress and lifestyle, the male initiation rite of killing a lion, their handmade weapons of spears, knives, lion club, and painted shields. They continue their traditional occupation of herding cows, when not entertaining tourists who wish to see authentic African dance or buy beautiful bead work.

My farming roots come out as I love watching the herd, especially all the

young calves. The bright red and blues of the native blanket-type clothing catch my eye while I work at my desk. The bushes below are used for their nature-provided clothesline.

The only down-side is that they are apparently unaware that people live in the apartment buildings, having windows from which they can be seen. I say this because men, women, and children alike, take turns coming to our far corner of the lot to bathe. In broad daylight, but far from their own tribe, they disrobe and sponge bathe. All I can say is that they desire to stay clean and really scrub well!

PURPLE BLOOMS

This is the time of the year that the beautiful purple blooms of the Jacaranda can be seen around Kenya, especially in Nairobi. Our large bedroom window is not only filled throughout the year with the hot pink bougainvillea blossoms on the right side, but now with the purple blossoms on the left side. And yes, they are very tall trees and bushes, since we are on the third floor!

ELECTRICITY & RAIN

Black-outs (usually 3-4 days a week) have almost stopped as more electrical power is using wind turbines, not water.

We've received some good rains, but need a lot more to end the drought and famine here. Nairobi is still on water rationing. Please pray!

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Top: Coach Workshop here in our home last Friday, November 6

Middle: Study view of the Maasai & herds of cows grazing

Bottom: Bedroom window filled with purple Jacaranda blooms

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