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"The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; They loving kindness, O Lord, is everlasting; do not forsake the works of Thy hands." Psalm 138:8

PRAISE

- **One Year In Kenya:** Yes, we celebrated our first year in Kenya on Sept. 23! Wow, it went fast!
- **Twyla's Immigration Status:** All the steps have been completed so Twyla should receive her Alien Resident card in six weeks...almost one year from the time we applied. Actually it is done, but it takes them six weeks to laminate it (!)
- **Health & safety:** After having an intestinal bacteria & a bad fall, Twyla is on the mend. After Les prayed over her, she didn't even bruise!

PRAYER

- **Completion of Twyla's Book:** Pray as Les will focus exclusively on finishing the editing next week!
- **Donations:** \$2,000 needed in order to finish ministry in 2009!
- **Rain:** We've received a few brief showers, but need a lot more to end the drought & famine here!
- **Cell Leader Materials:** Les & Twyla are beginning to work on a total revision of this training that is so needed here, as more churches desire to have home groups. Please pray for wisdom & creativity!

MINISTRY UPDATES

LIFE LEADERSHIP COACHING

Les has not even advertised that he will start a new group of coach trainees in January and it is almost full! In the meantime, he has already started the second of three modules with his ten former coach trainees. He will also lead them in a workshop the first weekend in November. The simple principles of life leadership coaching is already changing these men, women, their relationships, and their ministries!

HELPING PASTORS & CHURCHES

As a result of relationships formed during this last year, Les continues to meet individually with a number of pastors in Nairobi fielding questions and needs they have in their own churches.

One new church plant we are assisting is Destiny Chapel. Last July, while we were still in New Jersey, the Lord kept saying to Twyla, "A Gathering of Eagles". She had no idea at the time what that referred to, so she just tucked it away. While attending one of the "pre-services" before the official church launch, the Lord quickened it to her

heart that THIS was THAT. She shared the word with the pastoral team and to her surprise, it was incorporated into the vision of the church, with the first bulletin containing an eagle with outstretched wings on the front page! Twyla was very encouraged through that confirmation! (By the way, did you know that a gathering of eagles is called a "convocation"?!)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The first eleven months of our time in Kenya were very encouraging, easy, productive, and healthy with adequate provision. Then starting in late August and into September, it seemed like the enemy hit us with everything at once. Discouragement, sickness, spiritual attacks on ministry, a drop in financial support, the failing health of both of our dads back in the States, as well as attacks on three of our four children in their own finances and ministries/businesses signalled a new level of warfare. As a result, we have spent extra time praying and fasting. What can you do? We need whatever prayer, financial, and personal support you can give. Please help hold our arms up during the battle!

Left: Twyla beside unfinished Luo home in Kisumu. **Below:** Two "Eagles" – Pastors Chola & Mark of Destiny Chapel.



WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

WEEK OF REST

We really enjoyed a week of rest in September on the coast of Kenya. It was time to catch up on sleep, spend time with each other, talk, pray, swim a little, not go anywhere or do anything. Well ok, Les did take a few Swahili lessons. However, taking even a vacation in a third world country has its drawbacks with lots of mosquitoes, intestinal bacteria, heat, and salt water in all the taps for bathing (!) We were very glad to get away from it all...but then we were very glad to get back home.

WINDOW SCREENS COMING

The supplies for screens came on the container back in June, but now that "winter" was over and we needed the windows open, it was time to bring the wood, screening, staple gun, hammer, and duct tape out to start building screens for the windows in our apartment. (No screens in Africa!)

Not only will these keep out the mosquitoes and help prevent malaria, but it will keep the apartment safe from our favorite burglar, the local monkey. Yes, she has been back, this

time sneaking in and making off with an apple and a bunch of bananas. Apparently she ate on the go since we could follow the trail of banana peels from the kitchen, down the hall, through the living room, and out to the balcony. Well, we now have only three more screens to go before we can safely open all our windows!

USE OF WALDROP'S CAR

We've gotten out a little to grocery shop and see some of the African animals in Nairobi at both the Safari Walk and the Animal Orphanage, as well as a local restaurant where you can eat on a terrace overlooking the wild animals in the National Park. After a year in Kenya, we're finally seeing some animals!

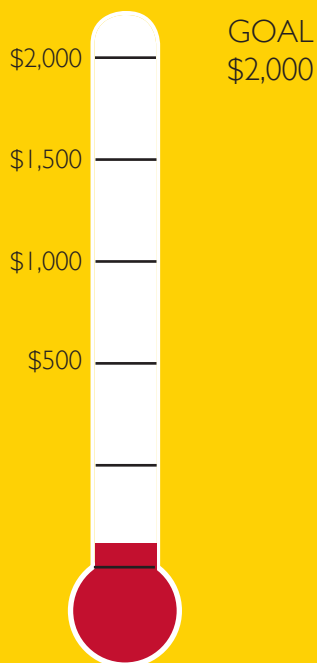
HOT WATER HEATER

When travelling for conferences, we often stay in guest houses using instant hot water heaters. They are rather clever and much better than waiting an hour for the water to heat as we do at home. However, the electrical wiring on them is a little scary as you can see in the photo!



Top: Boda-bodas, bicycle taxis, in western Kenya. Just jump on the back!
Middle: When you order fish, you often get the whole thing, like this one in Kisumu caught in Lake Victoria.
Bottom: Instant hot water heater on tub tap in Kakamega...note the scary wiring!

2009 FINANCIAL thermometer



HELP US FINISH 2009 STRONG!

In in order to complete the open doors the Lord has set before us for the last quarter of 2009, we need to receive an additional \$2,000 in October. Please consider a one-time offering in order to partner with us in seeing lives transformed here in Kenya!

And I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me...then they said, "Let us arise and build." So they put their hands to the good work.
Nehemiah 2:18

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