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"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church & in Christ Jesus to all generations forever & ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

PRAISE

- **Les' Teaching** in the five locations all around Mt. Kenya went great. See the report on right.
- **Financial support to finish ministry in 2009** was supplied by our home church in New Jersey!
- **Friends**, Ron & Christi Bishop, visited a few days in December.
- **Holidays**: Shared our birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, with the Waldrops & Kenyan friends complete with decorations.
- **Daughter visiting!** It was an unexpected blessing to have Sarah come from Australia.
- **Lots of Rain!** So blessed with the rains. Everything is green!

PRAYER

- **Les' New Coaching Cohort** begins this week. He now has 26 trainees & 3 clients. That's a very heavy schedule so he needs prayer.
- **Final writing & editing** of book has required all of Twyla's time for the last 3 months, but she's done! Les is on the second & final edit. Pray for grace and multiplied time.
- **Cell Leader Training** material is in the works. It is very different from any on the market. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and integration.
- **Destiny Staff Cell** with Les began last week so pray it will cast vision for the future cells to come.
- **Planning** for 1st & 2nd quarters of 2010. We need lots of wisdom!
- **Provision of a vehicle!**
- **Health, finances, anointing!**

MINISTRY UPDATES

The daily schedule was grueling as Les taught four messages to a total of nearly **five hundred pastors and leaders** Dec. 7-11. Les, Victor, & Dedan rented a car, travelling to five key towns encircling Mt. Kenya. Les would teach all day with Dedan interpreting, then they would drive to the next town, find a place to stay for the night, eat dinner, and fall into bed before getting up to do the same thing the next morning.

The Lord brought them through rough terrain and torrential flooding safely and with no car trouble. Les got sick the last day, but still delivered the teaching. He accidentally sat on his glasses breaking off one of the ear pieces, but a local optical place easily straightened the frames, re-attached the ear piece, did not charge him anything for the repairs (THAT is a miracle), and the glasses actually fit better than they ever did. Thank you so much for your prayers; They worked!

The strong response in Meru, not just from the pastors, but also their Bible school students, has encouraged us that this would be the best location for a

follow-up spring Cell Conference.

We are also praying about a specific time for a similar five-location ministry later in 2010 in southwestern Kenya down in the Maasai Mara.

The following was just one of the powerful testimonies we received:

*"It is a great thing that you decided to hold this training in Nyeri. I and the pastors are so blessed with your ministry and the teaching about the 43rd tribe which is so great in our community and nation. This is a **"MUST HEAR"** message to every born again believer. Man, we were so much blessed by the way you present your message with a lot of clarity and much research...My churches and the churches in Nyeri will never be the same again for you have touched my heart and others and encouraged us to move on with the work of ministry.*

God bless you and also bless all those who support you to do what you are doing for the Body of Jesus Christ in Africa."

Rev. Charles Wachira

Les challenged leaders about their marriages, servant leadership in the church, tribal allegiances (43rd Tribe) and being a New Testament church. Below: Nanyuki on the NW side of Mt. Kenya..



Preparing Lunch! I know you will wonder what in the world is that?! All I can tell you is that it was part of the lunch in Karatina.



LIFE IN AFRICA

SHOPPING: I knew trying to find something for Les for Christmas and his birthday would be interesting. How do you buy gifts for a guy who mainly likes Starbucks and the Apple Store... when you live in Africa?! Well, I found a nice carved soapstone chess set and elephant bookends in the local native market. However, I always leave there so worn out from the hot sun and “price haggling” that I dread going back.

CHRISTMAS PERSPECTIVE: Les and I were alone to open gifts. the gifts were also rather sparse since most of our family sent money to avoid all the shipping costs and problems. However, we shared Christmas dinner with our friends, the Waldrops, and two Kenyan single guys. We and the Waldrops exchanged gifts and we both also had little gifts for the two guys. That’s what made Christmas! Sam, 26 years old and with a good job here, carefully and slowly

unwrapped both gifts, as though he were handling expensive china. Then he explained that this was the very first Christmas gift he had ever received! Kenyans usually look forward to a good meal and maybe a child gets one new piece of clothing. That kinda puts gifts in perspective, right?

BEST GIFT: However, the best gift was to come Dec. 30, just two days before my birthday. I hadn’t seen our daughter, Sarah, in two years as she lives in Australia and we had not been back to the States at the same time. She was able to get a frequent flier ticket and is spending six weeks with us. She will return in late April for about four months so we are thrilled! Both of our ministries are very compatible so this should be great. It is also encouraging since the Waldrops leave Kenya in one month to move back to the States. Since the Matheny’s are also gone at least half of each year, we will be left to hold down the fort.



Top: Christmas shopping in the Maasai Market. Middle: Our friend, Sam, opening the first Christmas present he has ever received! EVER! Bottom: Daughter, Sarah, and Twyla on New Year’s Day.

Creative Fundraiser!

One of our friends and regular supporters in New Jersey wanted to do something extra to raise funds for our ministry here in Kenya.

So what could she do? With the help of a friend, they made American Girl doll clothes and sold them for the holidays!

Lois, we thank you so much for your work and love. We also celebrate your creativity.

I’m sure the little girls who received the outfits for heir dolls this Christmas loved them, too.



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