

Over the past few months the rains and flooding have been a “blessing to some and a tragedy to others”. In some areas the rains have made crops plentiful, yet it in other areas it has killed many people and destroyed many homes across Kenya. As for us, we are very thankful that our home and the school have not been damaged. As I was praying and seeking the Lord, I felt God speak into my heart, “I AM”. As I continued to listen, I believe His Words were to remind me that He is in control and to rest in His grace. Even though the rains kept us out of certain areas of the village, we knew God’s timing for us to meet with the families we had earlier identified to be given the milk goats that God was in control. We have had several people give us funds to purchase milk goats, continuing the vision to impact the community by what we call “Blessing it Forward”. These milk goats will help provide for needy families several ways. First they will be able to drink the milk, and they can sell the milk, which is twice the cost of cow’s milk and then by “Blessing it Forward”. Once their mama goat has it’s first born female they are required to give that goat to another needy person or family in the village. The three people who have received these milk goats are handicapped and these goats will help change their lives. Another blessing is that all three of our goats are pregnant!



Our first mama goat had twins!

From L-R: Margaret, Regina who also has a young daughter with cerebral palsy and Peter.



Our new addition to the family “Elijah” We are blessed to have a baby German Shepard in the family as we felt the need to have a dog that can not only be a family pet, but can also watch over the house. His mom and dad are both from the Czech Republic.

**Frances** attends a special needs boarding school and being sponsored by one of our donors for the past 5 years. He has really grown up and is doing very well in school.



## J-Life East Africa



Mobilizing Discipleship Movements



## Summit 2018'



Praying for the Nations

What a blessing to host our J-Life East Africa Summit here at our ministry center. Hearing the testimonies and reports from the country directors about how God is using them to build discipleship movements across the regions was amazing. Please continue to pray for us as we press north into the difficult areas of Africa. Pray for Darleen and I as we oversee these country leaders from: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Also pray for us as we continue to pioneer into South Sudan and Ethiopia seeking the right person to lead the movement in those countries.

## Pioneering in Ethiopia

During our visit to Ethiopia last year we had the opportunity to meet Pastor Samson, one of the founders of the Emmanuel United Church of Ethiopia. He shared his testimony as to how he and several other youth 20 years ago were in a Coptic church and desiring for a deeper understanding of who this Jesus is. One of the youth said that he had a New Testament Bible that a missionary had given his family so they took the Bible apart and each took a different book to read and to come back next week and give a report. Samson was reading the book of Romans, and realized he needed to have a personal relationship with Christ. The following week the group gathered, he read the first 8 chapters, and all agreed that they needed to ask Jesus to forgive them and receive Him as their personal Savior. Their lives were transformed and they began telling everyone. That was when the church felt threatened and they were asked to leave. They started to meet in homes reading the Word, praying and worshipping, and it was then that the Holy Spirit began to move through their lives with power. Family members, friends and neighbors started coming and being saved and set free from witchcraft and all types of false religions. Long story short, today they have over 400 churches and about 30% of them still meet in homes until they outgrow it and then they move into a building.

After sharing our J-Life Disciple Making Training and hearing Samson's story, I told him that I'm not sure there is anything we can do to help them, because it seems to me, "you guys are already doing the "Jesus Life". Samson then told me they still wanted to partner with us because what we offer is not just teaching information, but its teaching how to journey with individuals from unbelief to maturity in a process of implementation. This past month I was given the opportunity to start our first training with 2 of their 7 regional pastors and 8 key pastors. These pastors represent over 104 churches in the two regions. Darleen, Makayla and I were then invited to attend a regional baptism service they hold twice a year. Wow, was it an experience. (See the pictures). The amazing thing is that these 1,276 people were all lead to Christ by individuals whose lives had been transformed! No Big Crusade or Outdoor Campaign, just "life on life" sharing Jesus....



1,276 Baptized



Sunday Morning



### PRAYER:

- Michael Otuche, one of our students kicked over a fuel lamp while sleeping and his lower part of his body was burned severely.
- Starting a new J-Life GC2 Discipleship Training at our place May 31- June 2
- Makayla is attending "Blue Sky" Youth Camp June 3-9.
- Mission Team from San Antonio coming July 1-16.
- Darleen and the Steps to the Future Academy Staff as they continue loving kids.
- Our teachers and students as they prepare for mid-term exams.
- Please pray for our monthly support.
- School Sponsorship: We have 87 children sponsored out of our 150 target goal for 2018'
- Travel to Ethiopia in August for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Module of J-Life Training "Foundations".

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