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March 2025 - Fellowship

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7



Steve and Marissa Barkemeyer, Cheryl and Mike, and Teri and Tim Hudson

The Fellowship of Believers: A note from Cheryl Freese

What a joy to welcome Steve back to Kenya and to meet Steve's bride, Marissa. They love Jesus, and they are a great team! Tim and Teri also love Jesus and oversee Project Kenya. Within minutes of meeting, we had fellowship with Marissa and within minutes of meeting Tim and Teri, Steve and Marissa experienced that sweet fellowship between Believers. Jesus is the Unifier!"

In John 17:11, Jesus prayed to His Father for His followers, "Now I am

departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name **SO THAT THEY WILL BE UNITED** just as we are."

Years ago, I wrote a song titled "Only the Beginning." It starts:

"There's a feeling when you meet a Believer.

It's a bond that goes way beyond words.

**The Spirit unites us with grace from above,
erasing our differences, sealed by His love.**

I don't know what path you have traveled.

I don't know what trouble you've seen.

**But if your faith rests in Him and He's cleansed you from sin,
we've only just started, this isn't the end!"**

No matter how brief our fellowship... Remember, as Believers in Jesus, it's only the beginning of eternity!



Steve and Marissa welcoming the little children of the JFM Chumvi Church.

Let the little children come to Me...

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

In Kenya, children's ministry is scarce at best. JFM is working to develop an inspiring ministry to children. We are so thankful that Steve and Marissa will spend time encouraging the Sunday School children.



After Steve's wonderful lesson on Genesis 1:1-5, the older Sunday School students enjoyed some rare balloon fun!



Marissa also taught the younger Sunday School children about the first day of creation.



Little Martin was laser-focused on the lesson.

JFM Discipleship and Outreach



**JFM Bible Student, Wilson Legei, is continuing to preach the Gospel!
New Believers are being discipled in the JFM Kisima Church and Naiborkeju.**

(Wilson is pictured bottom left)



Morning Devotions



Sharing the "Truth" with Sella

Several workers building the JFM headquarters are now teaching the morning discipleship devotions. We rejoice that they have grown in the Word of God and are now discipling others!

When we picked up Steve and Marissa from the airport, Sella was our server at the restaurant. As we shared the Gospel with Sella, she sincerely told us that she has been seeking the truth. Sella is now part of our JFM young adult WhatsApp chat group. Every day, we share encouraging discipleship devotions and pray for specific needs.

2025 Pastor's Support Fund

Featured Pastor: Pastor John and Mrs. Elmolil are pastoring the JFM Ol'Daraja Church. They have stayed faithful to the work despite many challenges.



JFM would like to thank everyone who is helping these Servants of God! These pastors survive on very little and this fund is a tremendous blessing to them.

If you would like to encourage the JFM Pastors, click the link to email Cheryl and alert JFM of your special designation. This will help us to properly direct your gift.

[Missionary Cheryl Freese](#)

Nearly 100 young lives are being changed through JFM Child Sponsorships!



Annteedee, Michael, and Lenkanisa began attending boarding school



Jackline was accepted to the Outspan Medical College



Martin has advanced to Pre-Kindergarten

Recently, 3 of our primary school-sponsored students, Annteedee, Michael, and Lenkanisa, transferred to boarding school." It was exciting to accompany them as they began a new educational adventure! They are doing great and intensely focusing on their studies.

Jackline has been a JFM-sponsored student since 6th grade. Her father passed away when she was a young child, and her mother is very ill. It is so rewarding to watch her pursue her dream of being a surgical assistant so she can support her mother and younger siblings.

Martin's father died and his mom isn't educated. Martin relies on the help he receives from his sponsors!

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who has donated to the Vehicle Fund!

We are rejoicing over the beautiful response to this need! We have replaced our 28-year-old Land Cruiser Prado. Now we are very close to being able to replace our worn-out 2007 Tata truck with a Land Cruiser truck that can handle the rough interior terrain where we minister.



**Praying for a 2019
Land Cruiser Truck
like this one...**

Our well-used 2007 Tata Truck



Please pray with us as we negotiate for this, or a similar truck.

If the Lord has put it on your heart to contribute to this vehicle project, indicate "Vehicle Fund" on your check or PayPal donation. Thank you and God bless you!



Please join us in praying for these ministry needs:

Please pray for the Kenyan people to turn to Jesus for salvation as the JFM pastors, members, evangelists, and missionaries preach the Gospel.

Please pray for our sponsored students, our schools, and the safety of the construction workers working on the JFM projects.

Please pray for Cheryl's missionary work permit. We thank God for expediting her passport renewal which was required for the permit.

Please pray for the Lord to lead us to the perfect Land Cruiser truck.

Please join us in praying for friends of JFM:

Annajo Fortner, an anointed worship leader, recently suffered a stroke. Please join us in praying for our dear friend. May the Lord give her strength and healing.

Cheryl's Aunt Sylvia Pesl has been hospitalized as she recovers from a broken hip. Please pray for healing and strength.

Paul Dixon was recently diagnosed with a form of cancer. Please pray for complete healing for our dear brother.

Pastor Mark Garrett, pastor of The Well in Hemet, California, needs a miracle as he journeys through some critical cancer treatment. Let's join together and pray for this dear brother.

Susan Turner is suffering from a severe form of cancer. Susan needs a miracle. We thank God she is continuing to feel better! We know that nothing is too complicated for our mighty God!

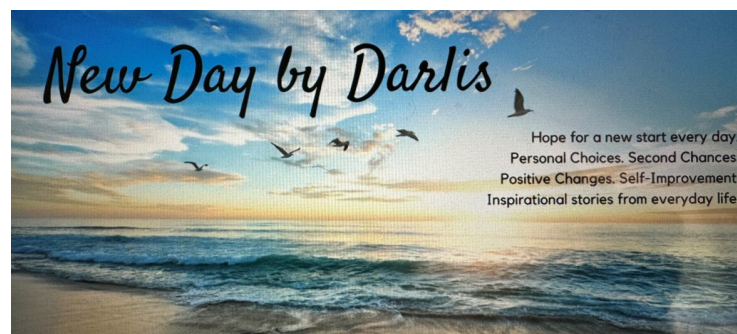
Nancy Cowell recently had a serious surgery. Let's pray for healing and strength for this dear sister.

Bob Shoppell had cancer surgery that went well. The tumor was caught early. However, he has had complications since the surgery. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch to bring relief to Bob.

Paul Friedrich is undergoing cancer treatment. Please join us as we pray for pain relief and a complete healing miracle for our friend.

Jan Reichardt a dear friend of JFM, is asking for guidance and healing as she battles another form of cancer.

Thomas Lowery is suffering from complications of SCA-6. Continue to pray for the Lord to give him strength, restful sleep, relief from cluster headaches, and overall healing.



Darlis Sailors, a dear friend of JFM, posts a weekly blog. If you need encouragement, we highly recommend [New Day by Darlis](#)

May the Holy Spirit guide you, may the grace of Yeshua help you in every situation, and may the love of the Father flow through you! God bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace!

Mike, Cheryl and the JFM Team

The Holy Spirit may be speaking to you about contributing to His work in Kenya. If so, you can click on the donate button below to use a credit card or access PayPal. You can also use the mailing address (please note the change of address):

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