



JESUS FREES MINISTRIES

Serving the People of East Africa

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave...” (Genesis 12:1)

April 2023



A Personal Update from Mike and Cheryl Freese

In Genesis, chapters 11-25, we read the account of Abraham. What an example his life of obedience is to us. Abraham's obedience is testified to again in Hebrews 11, also called the Bible's "Hall of Faith". We read, "It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God

would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents...." (Heb 11:8-9) If we want to please God, obedience to Him and faith in His Word are paramount!

Allow us to share a little history with you.

Mike and I knew God was calling us to work for Him, but we didn't know where it would be or what it would look like.

Then in April 2006 God opened a door for us to go to Nyeri, Kenya for a 2-week mission trip. By faith we walked through that door. With

only two days remaining before heading back to the United States, we were convinced the Holy Spirit was saying, "Leave your homeland and work for Jesus in



Africa!" Knowing we would need a place to live in Kenya we prayed for a home there in Nyeri, the town where we were ministering. A few hours later we were peering through the gate of the home we would purchase the next day, July 7, 2006, Mike's birthday! After signing paperwork at the attorney's office, we immediately drove to the airport to fly back to the USA.

Only 41 days later, August 17, 2006, Jesus Frees Ministries, a faith-based, charitable, non-profit organization, was birthed.

For the next 17 years the doors of that home were opened to mission teams from the USA, Ireland, Britain, Australia and even India.

Several Kenyans also called it "home." Many people committed their lives to Jesus in our Nyeri mission home and many were discipled there. It was a lighthouse to the lost, comfort and healing for the hurting, and help for the needy. My parents, Art and Betty Price, also called it "home" for 7 years before going to be with Jesus.



Nyeri Mission Home gathering with Mom and Pop Price 2017

In 2021 Mike and I began to feel the Holy Spirit saying that our time in Nyeri had come to a close.

The Holy Spirit began directing us to sell that home and move to Chumvi, the location of the JFM headquarters. In December 2022 the house we purchased on our first 2-week trip to Kenya was purchased by a lovely family!

February was a month of packing and moving while also planning to receive 2-USA mission teams in March.



Brother Peter Maina brought moving boxes - Our co-workers helped us move - Happy New Owners



We searched for a place to rent, then the Lord opened an amazing door for us to rent a small 1-bedroom house in Chumvi only 1-mile from our JFM church and school!

Now instead of a 2-hour drive we can be there in 7 minutes! We finished moving on the last day of February and the first mission team, Westside Community Church, arrived 3 days later! We thank the Lord for the strength He gave us! The little rental house in Chumvi doesn't have electricity. We were so thankful when the solar powered system we ordered in January finally arrived April 15, 2023, the day before Easter! During that wait it was like camping out, no fridge, etc.



The Lord has put it on our hearts to build a permanent JFM Missionary Home on JFM'S 20-acre headquarters.

There is already a well and electricity, and should Jesus tarry, future JFM missionaries will have a place to live close to the work!

Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us of the life of Abraham, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." May we, the followers of Christ, continually live lives of obedience and faith!

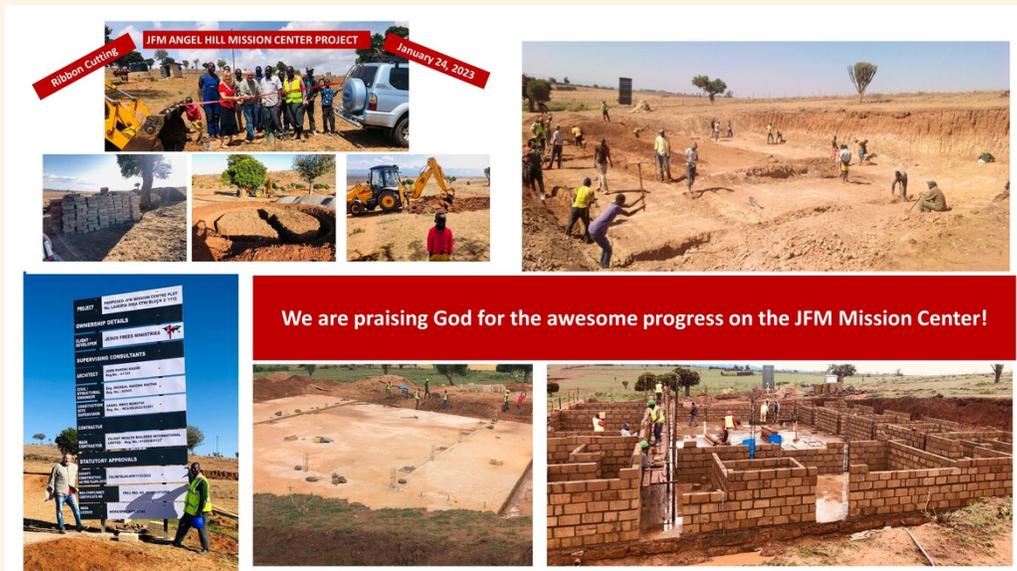
Let's Praise the Lord for the Great Things He Has Done



Praising the Lord for the daily rains that have been blessing the parched Kenyan soil.

We are praising God for the work that has been accomplished on the JFM Headquarters' Mission Center and the first bungalow!

This center will be used to house mission teams. It will also be used for training our JFM leadership and for holding discipleship conferences.



We are praising God for the awesome progress on the JFM Mission Center!



We are praising God for the awesome progress on the first mission bungalow!



The Westside Team and the JFM Team wearing their traditional Maasai blankets.

We are praising God for the Westside Community Church Mission Team!

This 13-member team arrived safely on March 3rd. They were such a blessing to JFM during their time in Kenya!

Click on the link below to enjoy their amazing video.

WESTSIDE-KENYA 2023



The Westside Team ministered at 7 JFM Churches. Special teaching sessions were held for men and women.



The Westside Team shared the love of Christ with hundreds of children and youth. Pictured at JFM Entapipi / Chumvi Olotasha Primary / Chumvi High School



The children were taught special Bible lessons by the Westside Team and they played wonderful new games.



The Westside Team presented the Gospel message and children made special salvation necklaces.



Some of the team made much needed repairs on the water pump at the JFM Chumvi Church & School.



Time was set aside for the Westside Team to enjoy God's creation at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy.



What a joy to welcome Sharon Thorbeck and Ken and Janet Webb for their first trip to Kenya Africa!

This team arrived on March 19th. They were such a blessing to the JFM Chumvi Church and the children and youth in the Chumvi community.



Sharon and Janet touched the hearts of the women and children at JFM Chumvi while Ken encouraged the youth.



Sharon presented the Gospel and the salvation necklaces to the Chumvi junior high students. Janet, a former high school art teacher, taught a scripture based art lesson and Ken shared a great Bible lesson.



Sharon, a former police officer and corrections counselor, encouraged the Chumvi high school students. Ken and Janet are veteran "Young Life" leaders. They each shared a pertinent message with the students.

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER...

Please join us in praying for these Kenyan needs:



*JFM Riat Church - Western
Kenya - March 12, 2023*

We are rejoicing with the JFM Riat Church for their new church plot!

The church members have contributed money to buy the trees for the framework for their simple building. Let's pray and believe with them for the roof, windows, door and siding.

- Please pray for Dennis Tuti, a JFM sponsored student who is being treated for a complicated skin disorder and removal of a growth under his eye.

- Please pray for people around the world to turn to Christ for help, hope, truth, and most importantly, salvation.

Please join us in remembering these friends of JFM in prayer:

- JFM Vice President, Pastor Thomas Lowery, who is suffering from complications of SCA-6. Continue to pray for the Lord to give him restful sleep.
- Complete healing and pain relief for Susan

Turner
who
is
continuing
her
battle
against
a
serious
form
of
cancer.

We
know
that
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mighty
God.

- Complete
healing
for
Norma
Rivera
who
has
just
been
diagnosed
with
advanced
breast
cancer.

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!

If the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about contributing to His work in Kenya, you can use the donate button below to use a credit card and access PayPal or you can use the mailing address:

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