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Looking Back and Rejoicing Over What the LORD Has Done! January 2024



Tired but overjoyed to arrive at Jomo Kenyata Intl Airport, Nairobi Kenya. Driver Ken, Cheryl, Mike, Steve and friend, Paul.

We thank the Lord for a safe but challenging flight to Kenya last month. As our brother, Steve Barkemeyer was flying from Oregon to meet us at LAX to accompany us to Kenya, our flight to Kenya was canceled. The airlines booked us on the next available flight. It was scheduled to depart 13 hours later! After arriving in New York, there was a 7-hour layover before boarding the 13-hour flight to Kenya. Apart from the

delays, the flights were good. Upon landing in Kenya, Steve and the new Christian Kenyan friends he met on the flight broke into songs of praise to the LORD!



We arrived in Kenya in time to celebrate the New Year's Eve service and Pastor Ruben's birthday on New Year's Day!



On the first Sunday in 2024, we taught at the JFM Oloruko church. We prayed for the students returning to school, and two young men gave their lives to Jesus!





Outreach at JFM Liasho

The Holy Spirit is drawing people to Jesus!

We praise God for the **seventeen people who gave their lives to Jesus** the end of December at an outreach hosted by the JFM Liasho church. Four of the new converts were formerly Muslim. Two young men gave their lives to Jesus at the JFM Oloruko church on January 7, and two gave their lives to Jesus at the JFM Chumvi church on January 14.



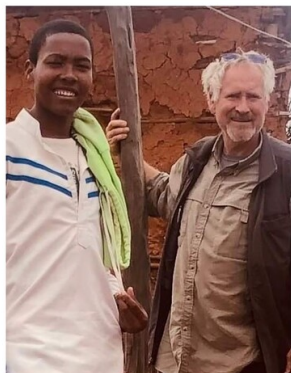
2-young men (pictured in black shirts) at the JFM Chumvi church decide to follow Jesus, and Josephat and Limpirus from the JFM Oloruko church decide to follow Jesus. As always, we thank the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) and friends of JFM for providing Bibles for Kenya!



We are praising God for providing the funds to construct a building for the new JFM church plant in Maralal! This month Steve and Jack built the trusses for the Maralal church.



Only a few JFM sponsors will ever have the opportunity to meet their students face-to-face. This month that happened for our JFM Missionary Steve and the twin girls he sponsors, Mary and Purity. Although a bit shy, their hearts were touched by the personal visit.



We praise God for supplying American sponsors to help JFM send 13 additional children to school in 2024! This brings the number of children and youth being assisted to nearly 80 students!



Sofia Nalango Olekabusia
9th Grade Chumvi Secondary
Assistance needed for School Fees:
\$25/Month



We are looking for an additional sponsor for Sofia.

If you want to assist Sofia, please click below to contact Cheryl.

[I want to help Sofia.](#)

PRAISING GOD AS WE LOOK BACK AT 2023



Welcoming this new child, Agnes Chepto to parents, Dennis and Charity

Generous donations in 2023 made it possible for Jesus Frees Ministries (JFM) to assist many Kenyans suffering the effects of a 3 ½ year drought, rising fuel costs, and inflated food prices. Less fortunate families were assisted with basic needs, medical, and food relief.



Helping vulnerable children in Kenya is a priority of JFM. Our JFM school, Entapipi, recently began its 6th year offering free quality education. And approximately 60 students continue to receive two nutritious meals per day. This year, two additional rooms of stone walls and steel doors were constructed, and the water system was renovated.

The Kenyan government recently approved our school to expand to 3rd grade! In 2024, we will begin searching for a 1st-grade teacher and constructing a new classroom.



Our second JFM school has grown to 16 students. JFM subsidized the teachers' salaries and supplied teaching materials, books, and toys to assist these vulnerable children. At the close of 2023, funds were raised to build 2 classrooms.



In 2023, American sponsors assisted 73 less-fortunate, fatherless, and orphaned children throughout Kenya. These children received monthly assistance to pay for school fees, uniforms, books, shoes, and school meals. The sponsored students range from kindergarten to university. Without this assistance, these children would not be able to attend school.



In February 2023, construction began on the 4,500-square-foot JFM Kenya Mission Center Headquarters. The stone walls, roof, and an 8,000-gallon septic tank were completed by December.

The exterior construction on the first of six stone bungalows was also completed. Funds were raised to continue the interior finish work. The JFM mission center and bungalows will hold Bible training classes, literacy classes for unschooled adults, music lessons for Kenyan children, and housing for mission teams from the United States and abroad.



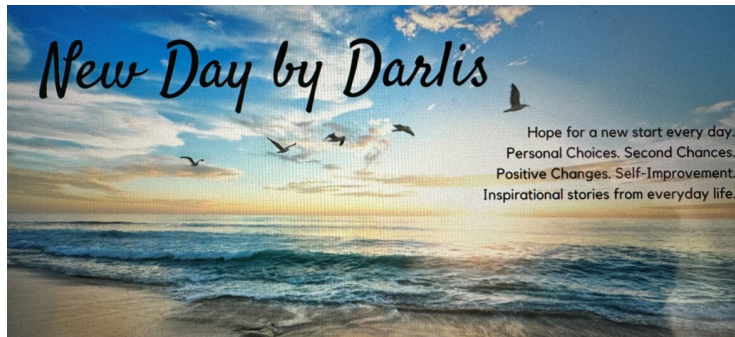
JFM ministry continued in four regions of Kenya. Three USA mission teams came to Kenya to assist with the work.

Evangelistic missions were funded, and assistance was given for church rent and operations. JFM provided printed resource materials to distribute to all JFM churches. Monthly support was raised for the 19 JFM pastors. A new JFM church began in Maralal, Kenya, and the funds were raised to construct a church building. A plot was purchased for the JFM Oyani church, and a building was constructed for the JFM Lokusero-B church. JFM funded the downpayment for a 1/3-acre church plot for the JFM Riat church, and a building was erected.



In 2023, the 15 JFM churches in Kenya continued to preach the Good News. Over 200 adult Kenyans gave their lives to Christ. We baptized 28 new believers. The love of God continued to touch hearts through the evangelistic efforts of the JFM teams, and the teams shared the Good News of

Jesus with over 1200 elementary and high school students. **750 Kenyans are taught the Word of God every week in the JFM churches! May God receive all the glory for the work accomplished in 2023!**



Darlis Sailors is not only a friend of JFM but also a lifelong friend. Please click below to be directed to her encouraging blog.

[New Day by Darlis](#)

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER...

Please join us in praying for these Kenyan needs:

Please pray for the Kenyan people and people everywhere to turn to Christ for help, hope, truth, and, most importantly, salvation.

Please continue to pray for Dennis Tuti, an orphan and JFM-sponsored student being treated for a complicated skin disorder. Dennis is waiting for the surgery to remove the growth under his eye.

Please pray for safety for the construction workers working on the JFM projects.

Please join us in praying for these friends of JFM:

Pastor Mark Garrett received great news that he is cancer-free!!! Praise God!!! Please pray for strength and healing as he recovers from the effects of the treatment.

JFM Vice President Pastor Thomas Lowery is suffering from complications of

SCA-6. Continue to pray for the Lord to give him restful sleep and healing.

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

Paul Friedrich is undergoing cancer treatment. Please join us as we pray for complete healing for our friend.

Larry Segrist is also undergoing cancer treatment. Please join us in prayer for strength and healing for our brother in Christ.

Norma Rivera is battling advanced breast cancer. Please pray with us for healing and comfort.

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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