### Thanksgiving In Kenya



JFM founders, Mike & Cheryl Freese, are committed to following the Savior's command to "Preach the Good News" around the world while ministering the Love of the Father to the fatherless and impoverished.

With grateful hearts we say "Thank You" to those who help this work.
Lives are being changed for eternity!

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We wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. We will be spending the holidays in Kenya again this year and there is so much to be THANKFUL for. We are grateful for the way the LORD continues to encourage us, protect us, sustain us and provide for the work He has given us to do. We are THANKFUL to see His Kingdom increase and we are grateful for the way our brothers and sisters in America have continued to stand with us. We are THANKFUL for you!

# Thanksgiving from Mike and Cheryl

#### MUSIC NOTES: A GUITAR

Ruth began learning guitar at house in 2011. She was Cheryl's guitar while praying for



#### **FOR RUTH**

the JFM mission continually borrowing her own guitar. A group from the Whitewell Church in Belfast, Ireland was visiting Kenya. We received an unexpected donation that enabled us to buy a guitar for Ruth. She

was so THANKFUL to have her prayers answered!

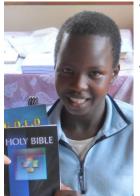
#### **GUITAR LESSONS FOR MARIA...**

JFM Pastor Ruben's daughter, Maria, came to the JFM mission home during her break from school to spend some time learning to play the guitar. Maria currently leads the music at the Chumvi Church with a traditional drum. Like Ruth she is now praying for her own guitar.

#### A BIBLE FOR MARIA

We discovered that Maria didn't have a Bible. She was so THANKFUL to receive a Bible of her very own!!!

We are THANKFUL to have Bibles to distribute to those in need.



CHUMVI CHURCH AND EDUCATION CENTER PROGRESS:

This month we are THANKFUL that the lintel has been completed and the remainder of the cement slab has been poured.

The interior columns are now being finished.





We are also very THANKFUL that this month the 10 large window frames for the project have been constructed and painted and are ready for installation!

#### PLEASE PRAY WITH US...

We will be teaching the Word of God in 2 conferences in December. We are asking for safety as we travel and for hearts to be changed.

We are praying for the JFM project in Chumvi to be completed and for safety for the workers.

Kenya as a nation needs your prayers for safety from terrorism.

# Thanksgiving Message on Giving by JFM Board Secretary Pastor Sherry Cox



#### ...AND GIVE TO THE POOR

In Matthew 19 and Luke 18, we read the story of Jesus' conversation with the rich, young ruler. The young man asked what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus told him, "Sell all that you have and give to the poor." As familiar as we are with this conversation, we still struggle balancing the worldly influence to amass wealth and possessions. Worldly culture continually urges us to accumulate and save, that our future comfort depends on our ability to accumulate all that we can.

Every holiday focuses on spending and receiving more.

Why is this cultural issue so important for Christians to consider? What was Jesus attempting to teach this young man? Jesus loves the poor and focuses on teaching His children to care for the poor and needy. There are many Scriptures that validate this truth. Too numerous to fully cite all the references for this writing, read and study: Matthew 25:35-40, Galatians 2:10, Proverbs 14:31, 19:17, 21:13, 22:9, 28:27, 29:7, and 31:9.

Upon studying these Scriptures and recognizing the heart of Jesus, we begin to experience the stress of balancing the teaching of Jesus with the overwhelming obligations of our own lives! It was never Jesus' desire that we live lives of overwhelming complexity. He continually demonstrated a life of "simplicity" to us, a life that would enable us to live simply, be obedient and care for the needy.

Are there behaviors that we can integrate into our lives so that we are more prepared to obey Jesus and care for the poor and needy? Following are some ideas of how to integrate simplicity into our lives:

- Give only gifts that hold eternal value: acts of kindness, acts of service, support for those who minister daily, such as our missionaries
- Learn the difference between "need" and "want" and buy ONLY the essentials
- Learn to give away that you hold "dear," learn to "let go" and not grasp onto "THINGS"
- Be wise, but avoid hoarding (Matthew 6:25-33, Matthew 6:24)
- Remember that every resource (time, money, talent, material goods) actually belongs to God; you are only a steward (manager) for a little while; therefore, use those resources only for God's plan
- Use your rest and recreation time and resources to appreciate God's creation; avoid all man-developed, costly activities
- Eliminate ALL need to try to impress others; question your own motives for all purchases
- And finally, but most important! Determine that in 2015 you will focus ALL your resources toward eternal activities, toward ministry needs, toward the needs of the poor and needy

"Freely you have received, (now) freely give!"

Matthew 10:8

## B & Art a.k.a. Granny & Pop Price A Note of Thanksgiving



We are so THANKFUL to be here in Kenya with Mike and Cheryl and be a part of the JFM ministry work. We are also THANKFUL for our 3 wonderful caregivers, Stella, Lydiah and Pastor Dave, who alternate to make sure we are never alone no matter where the mission may take Mike and Cheryl.

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

B & Art / Granny & Pop