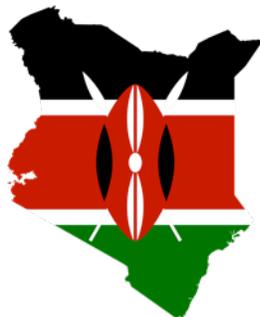


Keynotes from Kenya



Serving Christ ~ Serving Kenyans

Our First Two Weeks in Meru

God has blessed our time with David and Janet Magiri and deepened our friendship. We



have seen their hearts in action in so many ways. Their goal has been to help establish us in our ministry. We love these two. As we travel together David and Bob are enjoying teasing each other. The joy of laughter is infectious. We know one of God's main reasons for bringing us here was to be bonded with them.

Our chefs have been incredible! Doreen and Rose are feeding us like we're royalty. Rose,

an orphan here, is benefitting from Doreen's vast knowledge. Rose would like to attend a two year cooking school. however, she needs sponsoring. Let us know if you are interested in helping her. Our daily devotionals each morning with the staff and orphans are very encouraging to begin the day in God's word. We are learning why Jesus is a better high priest than an earthly priest. One orphan said, "Jesus is greater because the earthly priests kept dying." That's the point. The priests died because they were sinful, but Jesus is perfect and lives forever to intercede because He is God and a merciful and Great High Priest. Hallelujah!



The widows were most gracious to receive the Word taught them and the rice we gave them. We wish you all could experience the joy they have when singing. It is truly a joyful



noise unto the Lord. These are some of the most gracious women we know.

PRAISES ~

- God is uniting our hearts with David and Janet Magiri as friends and to understand their vision for ministry.
- We will celebrate our 17th wedding anniversary Aug. 12.
- Sherry started VBS with the kids and is enjoying reuniting with them.
- Preaching opportunities on Sundays are going well. The last sermon was "The Joyful Grace of Giving".
- Prison ministry went great on August 3. Over 200 inmates were ministered to.
- God is providing excellent ministry partners. 75% of our budget has been raised. PTL.

PRAYER NEEDS ~

- Obtain permanent visas
- Encourage and build strong relationships with graduates from the Bible Institute.
- Housing
- Continued access into prisons.
- Finish building our ministry partners

DATES ~

SEPT 6 ~ BI Timothy's class starts September 6.

SEPT 28 ~ Return to Austin

Oct 8 ~ Cross cultural training in N. Carolina

Nov 4 - Dec ~ Austin

Jan 2018 ~ KENYA



World Reach Campus in Meru

People in the church services are responding to the Grace of God. Bob preached on the *Joyful Grace of Giving* the past two Sundays. He challenged the pastors and leaders to free the people and allow the Holy Spirit to move as He wills in their hearts. Then watch what happens!



his own prison of bitterness. Jesus broke the chains. The inmates clearly understood that they too could be free if their faith is ONLY in Jesus.



structure of the church, but not building the hearts and souls of the people.” He wants people to come to the church with a testimony of what the Lord has done for them. Bob is so proud of these men and encouraged by them.

Our Next Three Months

We will be focusing on a place to call home. We want to make choices that will best further our ministry and to welcome our guests. We then will be returning to the States on Sept. 29 and then fly to Union Mills, North Carolina for a month of cross cultural training. We will spend November and December in Austin. We plan to see many of you and share personally what God has accomplished through us since arriving here in July. We want to hear what God is doing in your lives. Grace and peace,

Bob & Sherry

VBS started the first day with 83 enthusiastic children attending! Sherry is leading them in a study of Joseph, God’s Superhero with Simon translating for her. The joy of laughter in the dining hall and playground is music to the neighborhood.

Bob led over 200 prisoners on August 3 in worship as he taught them how **“Jesus Saves to the Uttermost”** from Hebrews 2 and 7. The inmates responded as he personally shared how he was trapped in

Bob visited three pastors, graduates of the Bible Institute, at their homes. He asked them about their walk with the Lord, how they are strengthening their people and their vision for their church. This is a summary of what Pastor Isaiah said: *“Every time I think about the grace of God, I want Him to do more in my life.”* His vision is to let his people know about Jesus, that He is the source and answer to their problems. He said, *“too many people do not care about the lost, but only those inside the church. I want to show them Jesus. People are thinking about building the*



Local merchant posing

Hebrews 7:23-25 *The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*