



Doug and Donna STAMPER Your Missionaries In KENYA



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Dear Friends,

Uninvited Guest

We were looking forward to a great day in the Lord. The rain had let up, we started the Sunday morning service, and the late-comers began straggling in. We got through to the 3rd song, and as I was watching from the platform, one of our members seemed to be struggling with something outside the back door. We continued singing, and finally Ombija came in, and right behind him was a rather large goat. He walked right in, turned around to see what was going on, and moved as if to find a good seat – but was stopped by one of our men. We firmly believe in an open door policy – but that was too much. The goat did get saved, we all decided after the service that we should have grabbed it, roasted it, and enjoyed the blessing. Just in case you are wondering, we do not treat all our visitors in this way.

Unexpected Blessing

Many years ago, there had been a policy in the church that if you were baptized, no one said anything to you about the need for Biblical baptism. I had talked to several who had been accepted into the fellowship (not the membership) about the need for scriptural baptism. In 1995, Peter told me that he was ok; he did not need membership. Recently, Peter called me to ask what he must do to be baptized. Excitedly, I walked him through the necessary steps, leading him to a prayer of dedication unto the Lord. Three weeks later, we went together into the baptisimal, and he, along with Nancy (another faithful non-member) and 6 others, took that first step of obedience. I just had to stop and thank God for His bountiful mercy.

Undeniable Growth

In October, Dad took the whole month to preach concerning missions in the Thika church. At the end of the month, we passed out the Faith Promise cards, asking God to do His work in the hearts of our people. (We already support a Kenyan missionary who is ministering in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.) As we counted the promise, we found that the church had committed almost \$50 a month to missions. What a blessing to see the church growing in these very important areas.

For souls in Kenya,

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“STAMPing the Message of Jesus Christ into the Hearts of Kenya”

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