



# Doug and Donna STAMPER Your Missionaries In KENYA



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Dear Friends,

## News From Home

We thought you might enjoy some Kenyan news, so we visited the Nation Newspaper, and found the following:

### Budget of hope and growth

Story by WASHINGTON AKUMU  
Publication Date: 9/June/2005

Finance Minister David Mwiraria yesterday unveiled a populist Budget, doling out benefits to consumers while laying out steps to stoke the fire of economic revival. He reached out to city slum dwellers and the rural poor by removing Value Added Tax (VAT) on kerosene and also set the stage for a fall in the prices of Kenya's staples, maize flour, and milk. Reading Narc's third Budget since the coalition came to power, Mr Mwiraria confronted a huge spending bill of Sh508 billion by exploiting improved revenue collection and some firm assistance pledges from donors.



### 10 years for a stolen kiss

Story by Jo' Abuodha  
Publication Date: 13/June/2005



This was the decision of the High Court of Kenya (O.K Mutungi J) sitting on appeal against the conviction and sentence to 10 years with hard labour of Isaac Gitau Karanja by the Kibera Magistrates Court. He had been charged with kissing a 16-year-old schoolgirl in the cheek in public without her consent. On the 10-year-jail term with hard labour, the judge said that since the Penal Code provides a maximum sentence of 21 years, 10 years is less than half of the prescribed maximum and was, therefore, not excessive.

Peeping toms and people who make catcalls designed to insult a girl or woman, or the man who shows his middle finger to women, or those who make sexually disparaging remarks or verbal insults, are liable to imprisonment for one year if convicted. The tout definitely violated the girl's privacy and offended her by planting an illegal kiss on her cheek. But 10 years with hard labour for that?



### Massacare in Marsabit

Story by MUCHEMI WACHIRA, STEPHEN MUIRURI  
Publication Date: 13/July/2005

At least 53 people including 21 primary school pupils were feared dead after a series of raids by heavily-armed bandits on a remote trading centre in the far north of Kenya. Five hundred raiders surrounded a school at dawn, massacring the children as teachers begged for their pupils' lives. Of the 53 who died, at least 21 were children and 12 were raiders. In addition, residents said more than 100 villagers were badly injured. Elders estimated that the raiders also drove away 200 head of cattle, 300 camels and and 5,000 goats.

Bodies of the pupils and the three teachers lay in their classrooms and the compound where they fell. "We have asked our people not to bury the dead before the outside world can come and see that the Kenyan Government can't protect its own people." a senior Government official said.



### Four children die after milk meal

Story by BEAUTTAH OMANGA, ALLAN ODHIAMBO  
Publication Date: 7/18/2005

A traditional rite to welcome a newborn calf turned tragic, leaving four children dead and 39 other villagers hospitalised after drinking contaminated milk. Traditionally among the Abagusii, the owner of a cow that has delivered, ferments the colostrum (the thick milk a cow produces for the first few days after delivery) for about a week and then serves it to the entire family to celebrate the arrival of the calf. But the rite turned tragic when 43 of Mr Ongori's family members fell ill soon after taking the milk. They started vomiting and complained of nausea, headache and diarrhoea.

## 23 killed in dawn bus crash

Story by NGUMBAO KITHI, PASCAL MWANDAMBO  
Publication Date: 20/July/2005

Twenty-three passengers died yesterday at dawn and 21 others were seriously injured in a road accident on Mombasa-Nairobi highway. The accident happened



near Maungu, about 30 kilometres from Voi Town, when the bus they were travelling in to Mombasa from Migori, Nyanza, rammed a trailer at 4am. Survivors accused the bus driver of speeding.

Ms Mercy Waithera, who boarded the bus in Nairobi, said the bus was speeding all through. She said moments before the accident, the bus driver was trying to overtake a lorry when all of a sudden, she heard a loud bang and later found herself on a hospital bed. Two others – Mr Benjamin Kamuli and Ezekiel Mungai – said the driver was overtaking carelessly, and at one time, overtook five other buses in a row.

## Clinton hires 120 local nurses to fight HIV/Aids

Publication Date: 24/July/2005

The war on Aids received a major boost yesterday when the Clinton Foundation announced the employment of 120 Kenyan nurses to fight the scourge. Mr. Clinton said the major challenge facing the fight against AIDs globally was inadequate health care service and workers in the rural areas. The Clinton Foundation, funded in part by US musician Sir Elton John, has already pledged 76 million shillings (\$1 million) for the Kenyan project. The foundation also will fund the treatment of 1,000 Kenyan children with anti-retroviral drugs.



*PS. Mr. Clinton has not yet responded to the request for his daughter's, Chelsea, hand in marriage in exchange for a dowry of 40 goats and 20 cows. The Nakuru City Councilman saw Chelsea during the Clinton's visit to Kenya in 2000, and made the proposal shortly thereafter. (USA Today)*

We would like to thank you once again for your prayers for us and for the work in Kenya during our absence. By God's grace, we plan to return to Kenya in mid-October. Please continue to pray for finality concerning the tax issues. We believe that the precedent has now been set, and are very hopeful for the years ahead as we continue to minister in central Kenya.

For souls in Kenya,

*Doug and Donna*

## Fifa bans Kenya fans from World Cup game

Story by CHRIS TSUMA  
Publication Date: 26/July/2005

Kenya will play its next World Cup qualifying match in an empty stadium. The world football governing body Fifa has ruled no fans can be present when Kenya plays Tunisia on September 3 as punishment for the death of a fan just before the kick-off of the home World Cup qualifier against Morocco last month. The disciplinary action by Fifa follows the death of 15-year-old Collins Miyawa who was trampled in a stampede when impatient fans forced their way into Nyayo Stadium as Harambee Stars were about to take on the Moroccans on June 18. Now, instead of the roar of the fans who support all their home games, the Stars will hear only the echoes of their own voices resounding from the terraces of the yawning 60,000-seater Kasarani stadium when Tunisia come to Kenya.



## The LORD Is Still At Work

Story by DOUG & DONNA STAMPER  
Publication Date: (Never to be published except here)

During the past 8 months, as we have considered what the Lord is doing, we have had a lot of time to reflect on how the Lord works. We are glad to tell you that **His Way Is Still The Best Way.** As of this letter, the tax situation is as follows: (These are the latest rumors)

- We will only be taxed on our personal income, which will not include housing and travel expenses as we were first told -- our tax burden will be about \$280 - \$340 monthly.
- We will not be required to pay back taxes for any year other than 2004, and that may also be forgotten.
- We will not be required to pay for those times we are not in the country.

We have had 6 churches respond to our plea for help to pay these taxes by increasing our monthly support \$15 a month, and we are grateful. Thank you for your past and future prayers on our behalf and your concern for the people of KENYA.

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