



# Doug and Donna STAMPER Your Missionaries In KENYA



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Dear Friends,

## A Battle Almost Lost

We left a young youth pastor in charge of the Thika church while we were on furlough. Upon our return to the field in October, we began to notice that things were not as they should have been; financially, within the leadership, and in the visitation ministry of the church. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, I was informed that he would be leaving our ministry at the end of the year. On Christmas day, I was handed a letter, 9 pages long, accusing me of many things. Then, the next week, a 37-page document showed up in the neighborhood, with many more slanderous accusations against me, my family, and several other missionaries. Let me share some of his observations with you:

- "God bless you Bwana Doug with the blessing of a trust breaker"
- "You are Carnal!"
- "I sometimes doubt your humanity, leave your spirituality"
- "Elders can't be of much help. Even the whole church."
- Yes, Doug is a madman and a monster! ... A wolf in sheepskin. An instrument of cruelty. A person who does not care whether you eat or drink.
- Is Doug a dog-worshipper, with his family?

As you might understand from this, we have had a definite parting of ways. There were threats against me, and that he would try to steal the church away from me (I did not know it was my church, I thought it was God's), but that has not happened. *We have a great spirit in the church now, and we thank God -- for the good, and the bad times.* Please keep the Bible Baptist Church of Thika in your prayers as we seek out a new assistant to help me in this great work.

## A Newborn Baby and a Brother Lost

Tom Onyango, the pastor of the Juja Bible Baptist Church, had been excited about the impending arrival of their first child. Lillian has had some difficulties with ulcers, and there was some concern about the pregnancy and delivery. Last month, on a Thursday evening, she began having labor pains, and was taken to the hospital in our town. She was admitted, was in labor, and the doctors and nurses allowed her to wait until Saturday evening before opting for a Cesarean delivery. Sadly, the little girl was still-born. Lillian has recovered physically by now, but the pain of their loss will take some time to heal. Then, just 2 weeks ago, Tom lost his brother, who was stabbed to death for failing to pay a **\$13** debt on time. Please pray for Tom and Lillian that God's gentle hand of Comfort will be near them.

## A Potential Pastor Lost

As we returned in October to the field, I began to notice that Johannes Otieno, one of our bright Institute students, was not as faithful as he had been. The first week of January, we found out why -- his wife had left him and taken the children with her. Johannes was very sick, and she did not want him to die on her watch, so she left him?!?!?! He moved back to his family home (about 200 miles from here), and last week died as a result of his sickness -- probably AIDS. Well, God will now have to provide another young man for Wetethia. (We were ready to start a new church there.) Please pray with us for the people in Wetethia, that God will raise up another to take Johannes' place, and help us start that work soon.

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