



# Doug and Donna STAMPER Your Missionaries In KENYA



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Dear Friends,

## Guests from Home

We had the privilege of having another supporting pastor visit with us in May/June. We always enjoy having guests, especially when they are excited about being here. Pastor Dave Mason and his family from Maryland came and spent three weeks with us. We enjoyed showing them the work, as well as the country. Bro. Dave helped us to do some repairs to the Thika church building, and was called upon to be the speaker at our annual Men's Seminar. Probably the highlight of the time they were here was the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion service ever at the Karaba Bible Baptist Church. Bro. Dave preached the morning message and then I led in the Lord's Table. It was great to see the church take that next step.

## Bible College Reopens

Fellow Missionaries, Ole Konnerup and Lance Patterson, have returned to the country. I went to the airport to bring Lance home, and picked up Ole the next day at a hotel where they had spent the first night. We met together, and decided to get the Bible College back up and running. It had been closed when both Lance and I left last spring due to the tax problem. It was good to get things up and running again, and 3 of 4 students that were with us have returned to the classroom. Only problem, we had 6 weeks (instead of 13) to get an entire term in. That meant teaching 8 hours non-stop on Mondays. I finally determined that if one speaks too much, you really could get a jaw ache. Well, we got both Pastoral Theology and Bibliology done in the correct number of weeks, and I am glad that is done. Now next term, September – November, it will be much easier, just 4-5 hours each Monday.

## First Tax Installment Was Easy

Well, the day finally arrived that we went to pay our first quarterly installment. I went up the escalator (had to walk up it, as it does not work) and approached the tax counter. Within 5 minutes, we were done, and going back down the escalator (this one works), and back out the door until October 15<sup>th</sup>. But, it was interesting -- they had my tax number in the system, and it knew my name and address without any efforts on the cashier's part -- they entered my Identification Number, and the computer already knew the rest. I am glad that we are advancing here, but I guess in this one area I wish they were WWWWWAAAAAYYYYY behind. Oh well, this is the *New Face of Africa*. And our GOD is still in control.

## Special Prayer Request

We have seen a new trend developing here, as Kenyan Pastors are learning that they can go to America and raise support just like a missionary to be a **part-time** pastor of a church. Some pastors that I know have already done this, and they are influencing others to do the same. I want our pastors to have everything they can, but they need to be supported by their own church, not by American churches. Yet this trend is creeping closer to us now. Please pray for the good Kenyan pastors, that they might love the Lord more than they love money.

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