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Dear Friends,

## **Where Is Our Property?**

Last year, Dad and I, along with several of the pastors, began to be concerned about the property lines of two of our church properties. With the elections coming in December 2007, we felt the need to get these 2 properties fenced and gated. We were able to accomplish the job in Murang'a, but when we went to Karaba to set the corner posts and begin the fencing project, the neighbor behind the church (who sold us our land) began to complain about the corners we measured, claiming that we were trying to steal from him. We contacted the local chief, and even went to the ones who did the survey originally, but to no avail. The Ladies group to the side of our property also believes that the same man has cheated them out of some of their land. It is the procedure in the area to mark the corners of your property with a bush, but this bush grows abundantly in the area, and the boundaries are very confused. Well, we have had to apply for a new survey, which we did in September 2006. After several trips to the District headquarters and many frustrations, we have finally been given our survey date -- August 2007. Please pray with us about this issue, as we believe the man we are fighting with is bribing government officials to delay, delay, delay, ... We have already missed out on the opportunity for a church group to come and build a building for this church because of this delay. And, we know that the delay could still stretch out for months, or even years ahead. Thanks for praying for the Karaba land issue.

## **Toilet To Be Built!**

Two years ago, we began to notice the problem that the rains were causing at the Kabati church. One night, during a heavy rainstorm, a 3-foot hole washed out of the side of the pit latrine toilet, big enough that the younger children might fall into the hole, which is 20 foot deep, with 7 years of accumulated waste and rain water inside. [Several years ago, the rain washed away another toilet (built with stone blocks) in Murang'a, and we had to rebuild it.] The members agreed to try and dig the new pit by themselves. I was there last week, and decided that I would not want to climb down into that hole, 17 feet deep now, and dig the remaining 4-6 feet. Very soon, a new toilet will help the continuing ministry of the church, and the pastor and his family who live on the church property. Thank God for the great members of the Kabati Bible Baptist Church and their willingness to dig for the Lord.

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