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Dear Friends,

In Everything Give Thanks?????

I know that you NEVER have difficulty with this concept, but I sure do. Recently, I went to the Land Registrar's Office here in Thika to follow up on our title deed. It has been a long story:

- We were given a free 1½ acre plot of land for a church here in Thika in 1979.
- We were given permission to move onto our free land in 1987.
- We were given permission to build on our free land in 1993.
- We were promised a title deed for this free land in 1997.
- We signed the title deed in 2006, and were told we would collect it in 2 weeks.
- Now, 18 months later, I stood for 4 hours, and the title deed cannot be found.

Pastor James Musalia and I were at the Land Office at 9 am, were pushed out at 9:30, then we got back in line at 10:20, were again told to go outside at 11:20, then finally got assisted at 1:20. While waiting, we saw many others go through the 'back door', and get their problems solved. At 1:50, we were told that our file is not there, and that we should come back next week to see if it has been found. This would not be so discouraging, except it has happened at least every other week for so many years that it has become a real "pain". As I hobbled away after standing and waiting for 4 hours, I had to remember to thank God for something. I believe that being a missionary in Kenya has helped to mold my 'thanker'.

“REND ME YOUR BAG”

We both teach regularly in the Nairobi Baptist Bible College. It has been a regular part of our ministry since 1993, and will be as long as we can still share with the students there. This past term, I asked my students to write a sermon that could become a salvation tract, and then submit it for a grade. I took Julius's tract, and was surprised to read the title, “Rend me your Bag”. As I began to read the tract, it was about a young boy, who had a father that loved him so much -- but could not afford to get him a new bag. As he went to school, everyone asked to borrow the old bag, and the boy allowed many to do so. Then one day, his father asked him to lend him his bag. The father put many nice things in the bag, and then returned it to the son. The boy was so surprised by the beautiful gifts; he did not know that his father could afford such nice things. God is asking you today to “LEND HIM YOUR BAG” so He can give you His greatest gift – ETERNAL LIFE. (Even though the grammar and spelling were terrible, the story was so real.) Dad sure does love us too.

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