



# Doug and Donna STAMPER Your Missionaries In KENYA

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Dear Friends,

## “GOD WILL ANSWER MY SECRET PRAYERS”

Jecolia had been a faithful, active church member for years. Last year she moved away from Thika and had returned to our church for a visit. After the service she asked to speak to me. Once we had moved to a quiet corner, she proceeded to inform me that “God really does answer the secret prayers of Kenyans.” I hid my surprise at the comment and asked her about it. She reminded me of a conversation we had about eight years ago when I promised to pray with her about a family issue. Trusting me with the whole story, she wanted it kept between the two of us. (She has not even told her family.) I explained that we could pray “secretly” about it together and God would hear and answer our prayers the same as any other prayer. She doubtfully accepted my words and we have prayed for more than eight years about this issue. As she continued to talk, I found that she had come to tell me that God had finally answered half of our prayers. She had not even told her family that God had answered. She wanted me to be the first to know, having been the one who had helped her pray through this difficult situation.

While we were on furlough in 2000, I presented this story to many of you and asked for your prayers for Jecolia. I want you all to know that although there is still need for prayer on her behalf; God is answering your prayers. *Thank You Lord, for showing this lovely Kenyan lady, that You really do love her and will answer even her “secret” prayers.*

## “GOD REALLY LOVES OUR CHILDREN”

In November 2007, we received a box full of Crayola crayons from Silent Grove Baptist Church in Arkansas to hand out to our children. Each year we have a Christmas Party for our children here in Thika and this year we gave each child a box of 24 Crayola crayons as a gift. I asked one of the ladies helping to take care of giving these to the children, explaining where they had come from. When I finished, her response was, “You are telling me that there is a church in America who does not know us, yet loves our children enough to do this?” Upon hearing my “yes”, with tears on her cheeks, she stopped and prayed, “Thank You, God, for this church who loves our children this much.”

It is hard for me to believe that anyone could think, let alone believe, that these children are not loveable, yet it seems many Kenyans cannot understand how we *wazungu* (white people) can love their children. It has taken many years for us missionaries to prove we love our people; now some of them are beginning to understand the verse, “Love one another.” Thanks to a small town church in Arkansas, I think we now have a few ladies in our church who are beginning to truly understand this verse.

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