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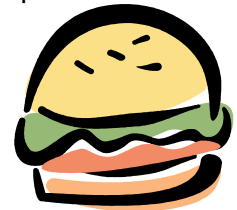
Dear Friends,

## THE WEDDING THAT WAS LATE, LATER, VERY LATE, ... FINALLY!

I was invited recently to a wedding at Bible Baptist Church in Juja. The couple have been faithful members for several years, and had been married in an informal tribal ceremony; but they had wanted to follow God's Will for their lives and have an official Church wedding. I was to preach, and arrived just on time for the 10 AM wedding. At 12 noon, we were told that the groom and his escorts had just arrived at the bride's home. At 2 PM, the story was that the father was asking for a higher dowry to be paid, and they were negotiating. Finally, at 3:25 PM, the entourage pulled up and 40 minutes later we started. The wedding concluded at 5:25, the guests went to the reception, and I left and went home - - thinking that if my daughters' weddings next year run 5 hours late, I will leave: long before I have waited for 5 hours.

## LADIES SEEKING GOD

September found us hosting our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Ladies Seminar in Thika. This is a time when we invite the ladies from our entire ministry to come together for a time of teaching and fellowship. This year we had 50 ladies attend from the 5 churches that we work with. Our goal is always to give them some teaching that pertains to ladies. Choosing "My Personal Relationship with God" as our theme, we invited three single Missionary ladies to do the teaching (I thought they might like to hear someone other than me). These missionary ladies did a great job. The first session, "You, A Woman, And God", addressed our importance to God. Next, "Hearing God's Voice" explained how important it is for us to regularly spend time with Him in Bible reading and prayer. Our last teaching session, "Deepening My Relationship with God", showed us how beneficial it is to draw closer to God and follow His leading in our lives. After this lesson, we invited all who would like to improve their walk with God to come forward and have a time of prayer. Eleven responded, seeking a personal relationship with God. As we broke for lunch, the ladies were a little concerned about what they would be eating (we had told them Doug was cooking and serving). They were very pleased to find hamburgers, coleslaw and chips. After lunch, we came together one more time to hear Phoebe Musalia, one of the pastor's wives, challenge us to take these things that we had learned and put them to use in our personal lives. As the ladies left, they were talking about how blessed they had been by the teaching as well as being fed by Pastor Stamper.



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