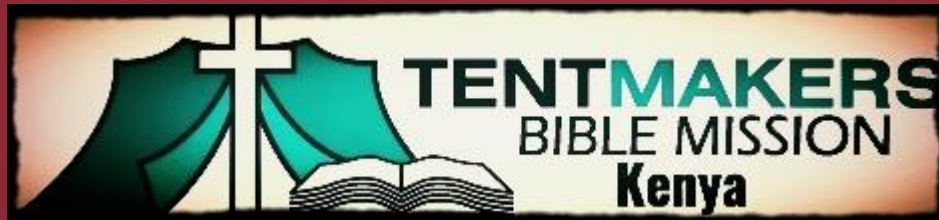


First, I thank my God through Jesus  
Christ for you all, that your faith is  
proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Romans 1:8



We mentioned in our last letter about how the Lord had provided for one of the pastors (Pastor Boniface) a bigger building to meet with his congregation in. We were very excited to see how the Lord was working through others, to be a blessing to him, his flock, and the surrounding community. What a neat testimony of God's faithfulness to provide for His followers - according to His perfect timing, purpose and plan. Our faith has personally been strengthened, and we hope his has too!

Well, now another pastor that we have been working with (pastor Mike) from a different class has experienced something similar. Pastor Mike and the people of the church have been meeting out underneath a mango tree for the past 4-5 years (since I have known him). And I have to admit, that I have loved everything about meeting this way: the simplicity of having the shade of a big, beautiful tree be our shelter and

being outside in the open air allowing the passing breeze to bring some relief from the heat. But mostly, I think I loved it, because it was a tangible reminder that the church is made up of the people, not a building, or structure, or program, etc. And in a way, it almost seems easier to major on the more important, key matters without all of the extra distractions that can take our attention off of the main focus - seeking the face of Christ. However, it seems that God saw fit to provide a more permanent place for His people to meet. Although I was quite content with where they had to worship, He has answered their prayers according to the way they were asking, and more importantly, according to His Own wisdom and way. He allowed the people of this small church to save and set aside some money to finally be able to set up a structure for their meeting place.

We are always hoping for people to take personal pride in their work well done, their accomplishments so that there will be an accompanying level of personal responsibility and ownership. But I believe better still, would be the understanding that, actually no: this building was not because of their own hard work, self discipline and wisdom but only

because of the faithfulness, goodness, and grace of God working in and through their lives. He provided the strength, health, and finances to accomplish this. Hopefully, this would be an even stronger motivation than personal pride and accomplishment. If it really belongs to GOD Himself, and was entrusted to me as a gift for the purpose of bringing honor and glory to HIM...wouldn't I want to take even better care of it, than if I believed it simply belonged to me, to do with it whatever I wanted?

Though the stories of both new structures being built is different in details; they are the same in the fact that we have seen the LORD provide for HIS people, in HIS own perfect time, and according to His own plan and purposes. Please continue to pray for both of these churches: that they will not see their new structure as an end to the goal they were trying to reach...but a beginning for new growth, opportunities and open doors to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Once again, my own personal faith has been strengthened and stretched. And as always, I am also challenged by what the Lord is doing in and through the lives of others. I am so very grateful for the privilege of being an ambassador of Jesus

Christ here in Kenya, Africa...and anywhere and everywhere else He chooses to use me! But the longer I live, the more I learn, that I still have SO much more yet to learn! And I am glad to be where He has me now, because I know this must be the place where I will learn what He has for me today.

Thank you for all your prayers, encouragement, love and support that helps us to be able to be here. We truly do appreciate you and all that you do. May God bless you and keep you, and cause His face to shine upon you.

In Christ,

Brad Harris





## **Praises & Prayer**



## ***PRAISES***

- For God's grace and favor on our family as a friend stays with us
  - For the way the Lord is working in this country and her people during this pivotal political event
  - For the provision of a building for pastor Mike and the church
  - For the faithful and abundant provision and protection of the Lord, for our family
  - For friends, family, fellow-workers whom the Lord uses to encourage and lift us up before Him
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the upcoming elections (again)
  - For strength and stamina - we are feeling a bit weary and overwhelmed
  - For wisdom in how to make disciples when dealing with deep rooted cultural/traditional issues
  - For continued grace and favor in our family unit as a friend stays with us
  - For our own personal prayer lives
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