



Phyllis with our newest baby, Brenda



Dean with Jerusalem

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Much has happened since our last newsletter. We have wonderful progress and praises to report!

1) We have been blessed with a house in Eldoret! It's great to report that God has provided the funds for the house that we mentioned in our last newsletter. The house is in a nice area of Eldoret and the Leister family, as well as six Kenyan children, now have a home. There are many wonderful aspects to having this house, including: we now have a permanent home in Eldoret, the land that the house sits on is large enough to construct another home for more children, and we no longer are paying rent. This investment is saving us approximately \$600 a month in rent, and as the house is paid in full, we have no mortgage! Thank you all so much for the generous gifts and prayer that allowed us to purchase this wonderful house. God's timing is always just right!

2) We plan to begin constructing the second house in the next few months. While not all of the funds are in yet for this second house on the same lot as our current house, the Lord has already blessed us with over \$15,000 to begin construction. We will build as the Lord provides the funds. Our plan is to have 20-30 Kenyan children in the new house which will also house a Kenyan family who will act as house parents. As the Leister's also live on site, they will be able to oversee the process, and with Horace's building background, this will help keep our costs down because of his knowledge and his construction abilities and gifts.

3) Dean Miller from our board and I, made a recent visit to Eldoret, Kenya and we were able to "check in" regarding a number of issues including:

- Staying in the new *Children With Hope* house with the Leister's in Eldoret
- Seeing in person the progress with the land in Jua Kali. We have planted literally hundreds of trees on this six acres we own there which will produce a significant cash crop down the road. Additionally, we will be using the land to plant vegetables and raise chickens for the time being.
- Meet the Kenyan couple that will likely be the house parents for the second house in Eldoret
- Meeting the wonderful Kenyan children that God has blessed us with.

Prayer requests:

- 1) The Leister's are trying to secure a longer term visa for Kenya. Please lift up this issue in prayer as it would make their presence there easier.
- 2) Two of the foster children that the Leister's are currently caring for are sister's and their mother has HIV/AIDS. However, their mother is now interested in having the children back. Please pray that the Lord's will would be done in this difficult situation.
- 3) Please continue to pray for God's blessing as we develop the Children's Homes. The *CWH* board needs wisdom as we work through each important issue.

We can't thank you enough for your ongoing prayers and support of this ministry!



Dean, Thom, and our farmers on the land in Jua Kali

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Gabriel and his new hat