

MAY 2008

Rolling Stone Ministries

An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it...

The angel said, "...He is not here; He has risen." Matthew 28:2, 5-6

2008 KENYA MISSION TRIP REPORT



For those who were able to attend Kirk Night on April 30 at Covenant Pres in Orange, you got to see Kenyans in action. The singing group Milele (Swahili for "forever") sang, and lead us in praise songs. It was much more than a concert--it was a joyous participation in worship that included so much swaying, dancing, and lifting of hands that it thawed out even the most frozen among us.

I was blessed to show a collage of pictures that Laurie and Megan had put together that was a visual recap of our April 2008 mission to Kenya. Most of you have heard our recap of the trip, but for those who may not yet have heard, here is a brief synopsis:

We arrived in Nairobi on April 5, and that same day Laurie spoke at a women's conference at All Nations Gospel Church in Gikomba (near downtown Nairobi). I preached two services the following day at All Nations, and the second service was pack with some 2,500. The Swahili worship was so spiritually uplifting that we felt caught up into the heavenlies.

After surviving a sore throat the next two days, we stayed at Africa Nazarene University on the outskirts of Nairobi, a half-mile from Manna Bible Institute, where I taught last year, and taught again this trip. We stayed with a couple from Indiana, who head up spiritual development at the University.

I taught a four-day seminar on basic Christianity back in Nairobi at the All Nations Gospel Church. On Thursday of that second week I was on the radio in Nairobi for two hours, doing a "Bible Answerman" show, answering Bible questions that came in from listeners. The host invited me to come back and do an entire week of shows. It was a fun experience.

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Laurie and I spoke at the Satellite Church that is pastored by George Muguro, our host, and the Principal of Manna Bible Institute. "Church" in Kenya is about 4 hours long. We were blessed to see how joyful the believers are who have so little in the way of material things. But they are so rich in faith.



Our last day in Kenya I taught at Manna from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., teaching apologetics and church history. It was bittersweet to return to the USA, as we have come to love our brothers and sisters in Kenya.

We got a chance to visit the Kibera slum, where Bishop Reuben shared how the Lord protected the church and its members from harm during the post-election violence in late December and early January. We delivered a large collection of eye glasses to the medical clinic in the PEFA church in Kibera which were donated by several members of our home church, organized by Ellen Pickering. Thank you, Ellen!



A special thanks to all who have been interested in our mission, who prayed for our safety and that the Lord would use us, and those who were able to support us financially. Without your partnership, the mission would not have been possible. Praise God for His faithfulness, and the commitment of the Body of Christ to support His work.

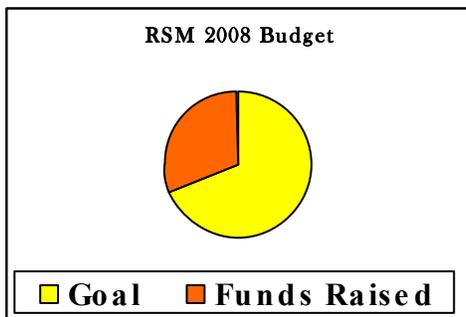


Bwana asifiwe ("Praise the Lord").

John

Rolling Stone Ministries Financial Report

Thank you to everyone who partners with RSM in a variety of ways, i.e. prayer, contributions, RSM logos (thank you Bob Laughery!), items for the poor and needy in Kenya. Thank you to those who are committed to partnering with us monthly! We are calling our monthly partners our *Treasure Builders*.



Our budget for 2008, our first full year, is only \$82,000 to cover missions, programs, charitable giving, and operational costs. This does not include fund raising for special projects. So far we have reached about 1/3 of our projected budget for this year. We are believing that the Lord will provide for our needs and help us reach our goals.

We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a *Treasure Builder*— a monthly partner with RSM. Monthly giving helps ensure that our work continues each and every day.



2008 GOALS

John and Laurie are excited to see RSM blessing and helping others. Below are the goals they have set for 2008. Please pray for the Lord to lead in all these things according to His will.

Supply books for Manna Bible Institute's library

Due to the high cost of shipping, instead of sending donated books, RSM will order books and have them shipped directly from retailer/wholesaler.

Establish campaign for Manna Bible Institute scholarships

"Adopt" a Manna student. Details to follow.

Israel trip November 2008 led by John & Laurie

Depart day after election. Couple weeks in Israel and optional add-on tour in Greece.

RSM Website

Create and develop RSM website to better communicate RSM's mission, purpose, and events.

RSM brochures and flyers

Create and produce promotional literature to educate others about RSM and its mission.

Fall Community Outreach Extravaganza

Organize summer 2009 team mission trip to Kenya

Investigating the possibility of building a home for AIDS orphans

Partner with Rolling Stone Ministries

There are multiple ways you can partner with RSM. Select any that fit your desire.

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Upcoming

MAY -JUNE ~ John continues teaching 1 Corinthians at “The Cutting Edge” adult class Sunday mornings at 10:30am at his home church Covenant Pres.

JUNE ~ Laurie leads a teen girls Bible study on *1 John* at Covenant Pres.

LATE JUNE-AUGUST ~ Writing & ministry planning sabbatical in Panora, Iowa.

JULY ~ John preaches and teaches at Faith Bible Church in Panora, Iowa.

JULY-AUGUST ~ John and Laurie lead The Truth Project in Panora, Iowa.

OCTOBER ~ RSM Surprise Event...

NOVEMBER ~ John and Laurie lead trip to Israel and Greece.



Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John

8:31-21