

Horne News Update March/April 2017

Stories of lives that are changing are the most telling of any ministry so I want to share a few. God has chosen to bless our ministries here and has enabled them to touch thousands of people. Please read these two stories.

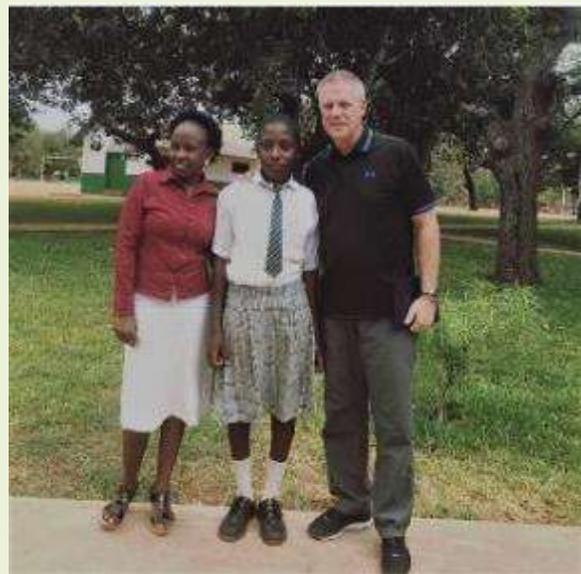
Rashid

Rashid is an orphan. Lost both of his parents when he was young. His family managed to get him through primary school. Then someone helped him through HS. At 20 he came to Christ through one of our ministries here. Rashid now on his own, had to get some kind of job but of course the Islamic community had ostracized him by now. Just a few years ago he decided to start his own transport business. Now that sounds like buying a bunch of trucks and transporting things here and there. No, he rented a bicycle and began peddling people for miles one way for 20 cents. All day long he would peddle. He had to pay \$1 per day to rent the bike, so he had miles of travel before he made anything....just to keep alive. Continuing in activities in church, recently he began to feel a call to ministry. Now Rashid is one of our students at Crossroads Bible Institute! That determination makes me believe he is going to do well!



story is amazing. She was orphaned early in life as both parents died of AIDS. Then her brother also died of the same. She now lives very near the school with her 80 year old grandfather. The only food she gets is when she is at school. Recently it was discovered at our clinic in Tiwi that she is HIV positive. Not really a surprise

considering the rest of her family. She's a believer and has strong faith. She believes that God is going to heal her but please pray for her as her faith is a bit misguided. Two things are confusing her so that she doesn't take RV's to keep HIV in check: 1. She thinks she must go off RV's to prove her faith so that God will heal her. 2. The stigma of taking the meds indicates to others she is HIV+. Please pray for her. We are seeking counseling for her as our attempts have failed thus far.



Highlights of First Quarter 2017

- Medical Team - Each February a team of doctors and nurses visits us and combines with some of the medical people of our church to form a very large team. They serve all of the kids in our schools and their parents. They get to serve several thousand people in a few days.

"Bahati"

I'm not allowed to use her real name. Bahati is a 13-year-old student at Tiwi Baptist Academy. She will take the national exam to try to qualify for HS in November. Bahati is a good student and her

- Trip to Israel - I had the privilege to lead 22 of the members of Crossroads Fellowship to Egypt and Israel in early March. What a wonderful time to get to know them better along with seeing the sites of many of our Lord's works. Having the Lord's Table in the garden where Jesus rose from the dead was quite special!



- Crossroads Bible Institute - We opened a campus of CBI at the main campus of Crossroads Fellowship. With 20 at the main campus and 15 at the church campus, we had a record high enrollment of 35 for the first term. We are now accredited so we are hoping for more opportunities to prepare many for ministry service.

- Crossroads Fellowship – In 2016 for the first time in our history, we failed to grow numerically (well, only by 3 people). But this year we are up significantly. After averaging 1153 last year, we are now up by over 10% this year. We baptized 45 in January. God has given us some really great services too. We preached a series on sexual purity that got a lot of attention! Celebrate Recovery began in March and our mission outreach is expanding in many areas. Again in 2016, we exceeded \$30,000 given to missions.



We now have 5 church plants from this church. On Wednesday we had our annual Easter concert with a turnout of over 500 people.

- Schools - Crossroads Academy and Tiwi Academy are proceeding well. Both schools did outstandingly well in the annual national exam for 8th graders. CA made 354 and TA made 332. They are in different counties and rank high, top 5 for both. I'm very thankful for a solid Christian staff in both of these schools. Problems are met every single day with love and devotion to bring deeper devotion to Jesus. **Note:** Tiwi still has problems that are hindering freedom to do ministry there. BUT, believe that we have a solution, so we ask you to please pray for a breakthrough soon! God has given us a plan that we believe will determine our future there. This school in Tiwi is the model for many others led by myself and some others. Susie and I first came to Tiwi in 1978 and founded Tiwi Baptist Church and later Tiwi Academy.

- Life Spring Rescue Center - We now have made over 20 rescues with 13 permanent kids at our center in Vipingo. What a blessing to be able



to save these abandoned children into a loving Christian environment! Pictured is Yusuf who was found in a "Pit Latrine" when he was only a few days old. Three of our Life Spring kids are now enrolled at Crossroads Academy....on the same 5-acre plot.

- Mercy's Light - One of our board members (Carrie Reichartz) of Operation Give Hope has struggled a long while to see her dream of a crisis pregnancy center fulfilled. OGH has now bought a plot for it. We dedicated it and broke ground this week with Carrie. The plot is located within walking distance of Crossroads Academy and Life Spring. We should be building the facility soon.

PLEASE, ONE FINAL WORD ABOUT OUR MONTHLY SUPPORT. THREE YEARS AGO, WE TOOK A PAY CUT DUE TO THE PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE 2008/09 ECONOMIC CRISIS. OUR SUPPORT IS NOW CONTINUING TO ERODE. WE JUST HEARD FROM A CHURCH THAT HAS CUT BACK ITS MISSIONS AND SO ANOTHER \$100 IS GONE JUST LIKE THAT. LIKE YOU, OUR HEALTH INSURANCE IS WAY UP. FOR US...42%. WE REALLY NEED A BOOST. IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO JUST ADD SOMETHING TO WHAT YOU ARE PRESENTLY GIVING, IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

Susie turned 64 on April 3 and I turn 65 on the 25th. Time flies. We first came to Kenya in February of 1977. Our career has now spanned over 40 years. To God be the glory for the many things He has done!

Today is April 14...Good Friday. Happy Easter and that we are thankful to partner with you to serve a risen Savior.

In Christ Alone!
Jim and Susie



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