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Dear Friends, Family, and Churches,

We love our stuff. We love our stove and refrigerator, water pump and washing machine, lights and computers. All this stuff has one thing in common -- electricity. No juice, no joy.

Tanzania is the land of power outages. Right now the country is in the middle of a national power crisis because drought has reduced water levels in the reservoirs. City after city is having its electricity shut off from 7 AM to 6 PM.

Kigoma is not on the national power grid and relentless power outages are the norm for us, no matter what the rains are doing. Daily, often many times a day, sometimes for many days at a time -- the wires go dead. And so does our stuff.

To keep from going completely insane, we have a diesel generator that can run most things in our house. This little gem is known for reliable, long-term service. Some of these Lister generators have been running for more than fifty years. Our two-cylinder Lister has been converting diesel fuel into electricity for the past six years.

After seven thousand hours of faithful service our generator needed an overhaul. I dreaded it. If we botched this overhaul our stuff wouldn't work. With a suitcase full of parts from South Africa, the best available local mechanics, and Ryan, our visitor from America, we began the work.

The book called for many special tools we didn't have. We slowly dismantled the machine. That took two days. It has an amazing number of parts.

At night, we ate by candlelight. Our stuff was not working, of course, but there was still hope. Two more days of installing new pieces and the moment arrived. Would it run? Had we guessed right about the tolerances? Were we geniuses or knuckleheads? As it started up, the engine needed only two minor adjustments, and then it settled down to a smooth purr. Oh, you little beauty. My stuff is working. All is right with the world.

Jesus is in the overhaul business. He replaces deadness with life. He replaces darkness with light. He replaces a heart of stone with one of love. He makes all things new. Isn't it great to be born again!

Love,

*Lowell, Claudia  
Kimberly & Luke*

# MEDICAL WORK IN TANZANIA



## GENERAL MEDICAL TEAM

FRONT - Rev. Joe Fort, Lynn Harper, Sherrie Gilchrest, Tony Gilchrest, Dr. Purvis Harper  
BACK - Dr. Brent McQueen



## EYE TEAM

FRONT - Jeff Sackett, Tom Fisher  
BACK - Roger Cabe, Ben Cabe, Amy Benson, Annette Tuttle, Jannike Seward, Dr. Michael Seward



Setting up a temporary pharmacy in a fishing village on Lake Tanganyika.



Dr. Brent McQueen treating an elderly African man who was brought by family members.



We all traveled in our boat, *Safina*, to set up camp on the beach of a fishing village.



We made and distributed over 300 pairs of reading glasses using a kit provided by Brian Tenney and Dr. Koning.



Welcome to Dr. Purvis Harper's treatment room -- Africa style! Notice the goat that just gave birth in the background.



With prayers, evangelism, preaching, and testimonies, along with the medical treatments -- the love of Christ was shown to many.



# Joy in the Harvest



THE BLIND SEE, THE SICK ARE HEALED

## Medical Teams Treat Hundreds

*"The most precious possession any human being has is his spirit --- his will to live, his sense of dignity, his personality. Though technically we may be concerned with tendons, bones and nerve endings, we must never lose sight of the person we are treating."*

*Dr. Paul Brand (1914-2003)  
Missionary to Leprosy Patients*

**In March and April, Joy in the Harvest hosted two medical teams to help Africa's poor.**

For the first time, *Joy in the Harvest* organized two medical mission efforts. In March, Kingwood United Methodist Church of Houston, TX sent a team of five medical

professionals along with their pastor. Two remote villages and Kigoma received the blessing of modern medicine. Nearly one thousand people were treated. They were provided all the medicines they needed. Jesus' love was shown to people suffering from every disease imaginable.

**In April, an eye surgery team from *Vision Outreach International* treated hundreds of patients with eye problems.**

The blind and vision-impaired came seeking help. Many received restoration of their sight. As the bandages came off, patients shouted, "I can see! I can see!!"

**Our thanks for the gifts that made this possible.** ☩

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#### ☺ Kigoma Wedding Plans

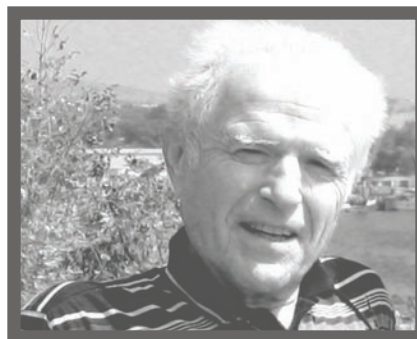
Guests are starting to arrive for the July 22 Wertz-Harrison wedding. The newlyweds will be returning to Lexington, KY where Daniel will finish graduate school.



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

**In March, our dear friend, Jim Bone, entered into the presence of the Lord after a long struggle with cancer.**

In 1994, Jim and his wife, Lonnie, flew our single engine airplane from the USA to Africa. He said, "Of the twenty-five mission airplanes I have delivered, yours was the most difficult." You can read about this heroic flight on



**Captain Jim Bone**  
(1933 - 2006)

our website in the archive area. In 2004, they returned to Kigoma on a work trip. Jim was a pilot with United Airlines for 37 years and retired as a captain of the Boeing 747. Jim and Lonnie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past January. Their son, Randy, preceded him to glory in 2004. He is survived by three children, their children's three spouses, and eighteen grandchildren. ☩



## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

## News Briefs

### Mothers Walk Hours to Say "Thank you"



Our medical team had treated hundreds in a distant village -- many seriously ill. The village was a seven hour walk from Kigoma, but that didn't stop three mothers, an infant, and a child, from coming to Kigoma to say thank you. They brought eggs, bananas, and a chicken as presents for us. To quote them, "Thank you for saving our children."

### New Land Cruiser Arrives

The new Toyota Land Cruiser has cleared customs and has arrived in Kigoma. The trip of 780 miles over bad roads took four days. It is wonderful to have this new vehicle "on the job" as it has solved our ground transportation problems. God bless each of you who took part in providing this vehicle for the work.



### "Blind People" Safari



Some of our eye patients needed specialists and equipment found in Dar. Without financial and physical help, they would not be treated. We organized a group of twenty people to make the journey. Our evangelist, Pastor David, took the group by train and bus to Dar. Most of the patients were children. All were treated and helped. Often children can have their sight fully restored with early treatment.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## What are this Past Year's Highlights?

**Q. Please share some highlights of the last twelve months.**  
(asked by one of our churches)

A. Here are some highlights:

- Our Internship Program for six college students interested in becoming missionaries.
- Assistance provided through our "Friday People Program" to hundreds of extremely poor families in crisis. Some came to know the Lord.
- Completion of two new guest houses

and having them used beyond what we had anticipated.

- Many visitors who have blessed us.
- The new street people ministry. We are providing food three days a week. For most, our meals are their only healthful food. Many are in poor physical condition. We are also providing basic health care.
- Our medical work teams. The most moving experiences I have ever had.
- Spiritual growth and blessings in

our local United Methodist Church – especially among our youth.

- I was attending a board meeting in the USA, when my parents in Florida needed help. I was able to assist my mother when my father passed away. God gave me a gift of time with them.
- Building the first UM church in Dar.
- Our sponsorship of the first annual soccer tournament for Kigoma's youth. We linked it with an AIDS prevention and treatment program. ☩

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3*