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Dear Friends & Family,

Has anyone said something that changed your perspective forever?

Years ago I was in the USA preparing an airplane to be flown to Zaire. A United Airline pilot, Bob Johnson, was going to fly the single engine plane across the Atlantic Ocean. A departure date was set. He took days off work and purchased all the needed flight clearances and permits. Then an issue came up with the plane causing a delay. He had to cancel everything. One time was bad enough, but this happened several times! I could not imagine the frustration he was feeling. Yet he was not frustrated at all. He said, "When I fly single engine over the ocean, and unexpected delays come up, I take it from the Lord. He knows best and He might be saving me from big problems."

Knowing God has perfect timing is one thing -- trusting in it is something else. Bob helped move me in the right direction. When the hospital project we were desperately trying to start a few years ago fell apart, I was extremely disappointed. We had worked for two years and came up empty. The suffering and deaths that resulted from failing haunt me. But when I remember what Bob told me, I am better able to trust God for His timing.

My college Bible teacher told me to never pray for patience, because the answer will just be more problems. Africa only has three speeds – slow, stop, and reverse. The only way I can get anything done is to have many "irons in the fire" at once. But sometimes you just have to wait.

Our broadcast license application has been on file for two years. We keep waiting. Impatience builds inside of me like an over-inflated inner tube. Is the radio station going to fall apart like the hospital project? How long can this go on? Then I remember Bob's attitude and I begin looking at things differently. No time is being wasted for lack of a license – there is much to do to prepare for when the license arrives. The station will be better because we were able to work while waiting. His timing. His radio station.

Trusting God is not easy. That is why God has His special person for your path. The faith of another can become your own.

Love,

*Lowell + Claudia*



# Joy in the Harvest®

**FREE  
MEDICAL  
CLINIC**  
→

1,400 RECEIVED FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT

## The Poor Get Medical Help!

**Never pity missionaries;  
envy them.  
They are where the real  
action is —  
where life and death,  
sin and grace,  
Heaven and Hell  
converge."**

Robert C. Shannon

Semi-retired preacher, missionary to Eastern  
Europe, Professor, Author of 13 books

**The sick came by the thousands.  
Our medical professionals and  
quality medicines brought hope  
to those desperate for help.**

After months of preparation in  
Tanzania and the USA, eleven  
volunteers from Kingwood, TX arrived  
with 22 trunks of medicines. Other  
medicines were purchased locally.

All the facilities and personnel of *Joy  
in the Harvest* were given over to this  
great effort. The Computer School  
became a treatment center and lab.  
The Community Center became the  
pharmacy, waiting area, and  
counseling center.

**In addition to our outstanding  
doctors and nurses, we  
organized a team of pastors.  
From the moment a patient  
arrived until they left, the Good  
News of Christ was presented.**

The love of Christ demonstrated  
through medicine ministered to souls.  
Our pastors recorded over 200  
decisions to receive Christ as Savior.

Our security staff handled two  
incidents of mobs rushing our gate.  
Despair and agony are so real. Your  
support of JOY made possible both  
the medical help and our Christian  
witness. Thank you. ☩



### CHECKLIST

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☺ **Our Website**  
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☹ **Postal Rate Increase**

Due to a recent doubling of  
postal rates in Tanzania, we  
will be trying to send our  
newsletters to the USA to be  
posted.



### WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

**For most of the Kingwood UMC  
(Houston TX) Medical Team,  
this wasn't their first trip to *Joy  
in the Harvest*. These servants  
of God are the cream of the  
crop.**

It took five months to get the  
medical licenses and permits. They  
brought medicines worth over  
\$200,000. (retail value). We were



**Front:** Pat Quigley, Sherrie Gilcreast,  
Steve Tefeller, Judy Tefeller, Lynn  
Harper. **Back:** Steve Brown, Tony  
Gilcreast, Brent McQueen, Jim Welch,  
Andy Butler, Purvis Harper

sweating customs clearance and  
air transport of the medicines to  
Kigoma, but God provided help.  
They worked at a feverish pace to  
help as many as possible. Christ  
was honored with every action and  
every attitude. And when they left,  
they left hundreds of patients  
healing from diseases, out of pain,  
and with the knowledge that  
Someone cares about them. It just  
doesn't get any better than this. ☩



NEWS FROM AFRICA FOR YOU

# Did You Hear the Drums?

## Beck Guesthouse Completed and Dedicated

Our new guesthouse, built in memory of Rev. Glen Beck and in honor of Myrna Beck, has been completed. A group of twelve family members and friends came to join the celebration and dedication on May 4. Come and stay in our newest guesthouse!



Three Beck family members came—Mike, Mark, & Linda. Also delegations from Good Shepherd UMC & New Palestine UMC in Indiana.

## Soccer Tournament Defeats HIV/AIDS



The VIP viewing area with the Dr. David Livingstone Memorial Trophy on display.

This was the eighth year of the Livingstone Soccer Tournament. 36 teams played hard and the Kahabwa Football Club won. The first place prize — a cow! All participants learn the essentials of HIV / AIDS and its prevention.

## In Brief...

- **Still waiting** on word about the Radio JOY license. They tell us it is getting closer to being finished. **Pray with us!**
- Thank you for the **gifts of used music CDs and LPs!** We can still use more CDs. If you would like to contribute some, please mail them to Mrs. Kara Wertz, 8345 Curzon Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45216
- Because of a special gift, **we are doing a badly needed major renovation** at the *Destitute Camp* — plastering, painting, pouring new floors, and putting in electricity. With weekly services, and lots of TLC from Lonnie Bone, the *Destitute Camp* has been unofficially renamed the “*Victory in Jesus*” Camp!



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

# Do You Need Mosquito Nets?

**Q. Could you use mosquito nets?** (asked by the High Street UMC, Muncie IN missions work team before coming to Africa)

A. Involved for years with *Victory Prison Ministry*, Mary Ruble knew women inmates in an Indiana prison made extremely high quality nets. Mary, her two daughters Anna and Lydia, and Sarah Dale had been to *Joy in the Harvest* before and were returning for another work trip. After a fund-



Lydia and Mary Ruble gave each resident of the “*Victory in Jesus*” Camp a mosquito net.

raiser to provide materials to make the nets, they brought with them 50 nets for the handicapped poor at our “*Victory in Jesus*” Camp.

There are 207 million cases of malaria each year. 627,000 people die each year; over 90% of them in sub-Saharan Africa. Every minute a child dies from malaria.

Thank you, ladies, for making 2,000 nets including our 50. You are saving lives. God bless you. ✕

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