

Simonsen's Ministry Up-date

Simonsens Kenya, East Africa

Sunday Up-Date 30 May 2021



Dear Praying Friends,

This has been an up-and-down week regarding the new church plot. On Monday I talked with the man who sold us the church plot. He has up to three months to vacate the property but he told me they expect to be moved before next Sunday, June 6! Then on Friday he contacted me to say that he will need another two weeks before he can move out. During that time, as funds are available, we hope to install a steel security door on one of the buildings (to store church furniture). We also plan to put in a gate and get a start on having a cement floor poured in the large metal

storage building.

The college soul-winning seminar went very well and they even had a very practical example. A man came to the church on Wednesday morning because he was told that they have a prayer meeting on Wednesdays - they do, but at 5 pm! He stayed for the seminar and later Dr. Halstead was able to lead him to faith in Christ.

Dr. Mestler's son, Nathan, will be teaching a modular class this coming week. We have known Nathan since he was nine years old when his parents first came to Kenya. He is now the President of International Baptist College in Chandler AZ. On Friday our college administrative team went for an enjoyable Ethiopian lunch to celebrate Nathan's birthday and for a late celebration of my birthday.

On Sunday, Daniel preached a simple Gospel message following "The Exchange" which was taught in the seminars this past week. We had one lady, Ann, visit for the first time. Ann is the sister of Kathy who comes regularly but is unable to come these days as she is late in a pregnancy. Please pray that Kathy's baby will be born healthy and that she and Ann, and Kathy's husband Kelvin, will come to church regularly. It was a very cold morning but Sue still had twenty-seven in Children's Church. We are approaching our "winter season" - no snow but temps can be down in the 50's.

LAND FOR TRINITY BAPTIST UPDATE:

We still need the balance of the funds to come in to allow us to get the existing buildings ready for temporary church use, and to then build a regular church building. If you are able to help

meet this need you can send a check to Baptist World mission.
The following information gives more options for contributing.

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Besides sending a check to Baptist World Mission (PO Box 2149, Decatur AL 35602-2149), designating the money to **"Land-Building Trinity Baptist Kenya."** There are other ways to contribute:

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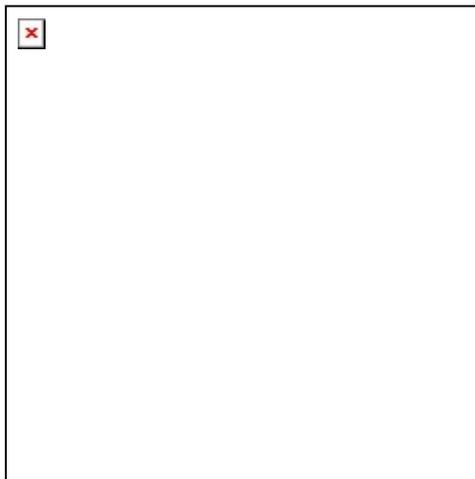
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**In Kenya for Christ,
Rick, Sue, Aaron and Daniel Simonsen**



Zack Rains picture of the week: two for the price of one - a flower and a bug!



The Exchange Seminar at Bethel Baptist Church - last Saturday's group.



Ethiopian vegetable platter.



Fried goat meat with onions and green peppers.



Birthday cake for Nathan Mestler and me - can you guess Sue's riddle?



Talking with President Mestler after lunch.



I added this photo and the next for our former Kenya missionary friends: Uhuru Highway construction. Eventually, the main highway will be below with express lanes overhead!



A portion of the highway under construction - near Dr. Ghalay's office.



Caught in a goat stampede near Rains' house

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