

Malachi Ministries Newsletter Addendum

Sharing Our Hearts –

We were sharing with a friend last night our disappointment with the lack of finances as we seek to serve in Kenya. They encouraged us to be honest and forthright and not to feel like we were “begging” when we bring finances up. I don’t know why I am not comfortable asking for money. I have always had such a strong belief that God will provide and that He knows our need. I am now realizing that He asks us to ask Him for provision, as well as give fellow Christians a chance to invest in the Kingdom – so why should we feel uncomfortable approaching others. **We were reminded of the times Paul blessed groups who gave for his service and admonished those who failed to give.**

Our friend told us that our communication had not effectively reflected our need and that many people only give when they KNOW there is a real need. That is what I am trying to do in this letter. We have received several large donations this year that has helped us keep going. However, over the past year, **we have personally provided 75% of our support.** We were willing to do this because of our conviction about our call to Africa. We thought we could go two years by supplementing our income with personal funds. However, the cost of living in Kenya has risen about 60% due to the post-election violence since we first started planning about 2 ½ years ago.

Here is the reality of our current need. The problem we now face is the fact that we can no longer provide out of our own savings. Our personal funds have been depleted and we know God will not be honored by us going into debt to continue. We are also not allowed to work for money in Kenya. **We need about \$3000/month** for basic support (home, food, insurance, transportation, etc). This does not include ministry expenses or any ministering outside Nairobi. We need another \$600/month to do this most effectively. **We currently receive only \$600 a month in average support** from donors. This does not quite pay the rent on our apartment.

The hard fact is that if we don’t get support, we will have to prematurely return home. We are committing to God this task that seems very hard to us, but know it is easy for Him! He is our provider, as well as yours! We know He wants us here for at least another year, but **if funds are not raised while we are home, we will plan to leave Kenya in February 2010.**

We write all of this, asking you to pray. **Ask God what He wants you to give.** God does not ask any of us to give our leftovers or surplus to Him. He asks all of us to sacrifice, to give by faith knowing only He can give us what He wants us to give back to Him. We have sacrificed much by coming. We are asking those of you in America who cannot come to Africa to sacrifice in your giving. We are involved in life-changing work for the pastors of Kenya. Their need is great. Most missions in Africa are directed at evangelism and very little is devoted to equipping disciples. This is a major root in the problem of the African church. Our focus is making a difference in the Christian leaders.

We love you and only want what is in God’s Heart for His people. We often tell people that America is prosperous because of its willingness to give to others. Take time to let us know your heart.

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