

UPDATE FROM THE MUUTUKIS

Joe & Elfi in Nairobi, Kenya

February 2021

Thank you for praying

In the Gospel of Mark Chapter 11, verse 24 the Scripture says,

“therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Jesus did not tell us how long it would take to pray before giving an answer. You prayed with us for several years and the Lord has answered our prayers. To Him we give Glory and praise!

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We are very excited because God's timing is the best. He knew when He would give us a pastor and now we have a pastor! After a long search and much prayer of which you

have been part of, Martin emerged as the best person that we felt God brought to us. Martin has been teaching part-time at Daystar University in the International Peace and Diplomacy department when he heard that we were looking for a pastor. He had finished his Ph.D. in Missiology in the USA and came back and started teaching on part time basis while looking for a call to be a pastor. He had a 5-year experience as a pastor in Kenya before proceeding for his graduate studies in the US.

Martin is married and he and Nancy have a young son, Paul, who is 2 years old. Martin joins me full time as staff beginning March 1.

I am full of praise to God because this is the first-time, I feel God has really come through after many years of praying for an Indian pastor without success.



Meet Martin, Nancy and their son, Paul

I am thankful to God for the opportunity He has given me to teach over 120 students this Semester on Zoom. I am teaching an undergraduate class on **Old Testament Introduction** and 2 Master's degree classes on **Biblical Foundation on Christian Service** which are Ethics classes. I have realized and can tell that many of the students need spiritual mentoring and have lots of questions about life in general. I need God's wisdom and lots of patience as students keep on reaching out to me even weekends on WhatsApp messaging.

God is doing marvelous things in our Church. For the first time, since the pandemic started, Elfi was able to have her bi-weekly ladies Bible study via Zoom with women who joined from India and the Middle East from Doha. They had been part of our Church but moved on and have remained in touch but miss spiritual growth. When they heard Elfi was doing a study on "The Armor of God," they were happy that they could join the women from NCF via Zoom. We are thankful to God for such opportunities.

Elfi is teaching a Zoom Bible Study on "The Armor of God"

We continue to meet at "**Amani Ya Juu**", which is owned by one of our Church members. By the way Amani also has crafts from their headquarters in the USA that one can buy to support many of the refugees who make them. If interested you can check them out on their website.

AmaniAfrica.org

They have a warehouse in TN. Del and Becky have been generous to let us continue using the open area of their Café which is closed on Sundays as long as needed. We have not been allowed to go back to the school we used to meet due to COVID19. We felt like orphans but our God reminded us again how much he loves us by providing this particular place for our Sunday worship services out in the open.

We are thankful to you for standing with us in all of this through prayer and financial support.

May our God continue to be with you and protect you always.

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