

## Schools Student Sponsorships

Schools are back in session. We enjoyed the break during the month of August. Students are coming for school fees and they are very grateful for your generous donations and making it possible for them to attend high school. Were it not for you, it would otherwise not be possible for them. Thank you so much for sponsoring these students.

I have a running agreement with all orphans and children from single mothers that we sponsor; if they obtain the highest grade in their class and become position number one, I will buy him a new suit or her a new dress. Term two (May, June, & July) was won by Nancy Nyambura. I will take her shopping this coming

Saturday and she will pick out a new dress (outfit) of her choice. She was the only student this term who placed first in her class. Congratulations to Nancy!



Nancy Nyambura - 1st in her class!

## Right Choices Program

I am taking the Bible into high schools here in Kenya. The focus is relations between a man and woman, dating and marriage. Across the country this is the number one problem teachers and administrators are trying to tackle: immorality. We touch on a lot of other topics as the Word of God is rich.

With the schools in session, the Right Choices program is back on the road. I am in a small town called Machakos. I have had some very interesting conversations with different principals



Presentation of the Right Choices Program



Students watch a short video clip during the program

from the community. Apparently, "unrest" among the students is a topic of discussion among the principals. The principals are very interested in this program. We deal directly with the Boy-Child who is missing a role model in the home and in the community. The Word of God has answers.

With Islam on the rise here in Kenya, so are the incidences. At first, when Muslims are in the minority, they are very peaceful and kind. As they grow in number they become more

resistant. Once they are in the majority they become hostile. I am beginning to experience firsthand the animosity of the Muslim students in the high schools I visit.

In a particular school, name withheld, the students had not been told to bring with them a pen and paper. This is an educational seminar about boy-girl relationships, peer pressure, identity, and many other topics. I stopped the program and sent everybody back to their classroom to get a pen and paper. This is not the first school where I've had to do this. They raced back to their classrooms to return quickly with a pen and notebook. Not everybody goes, some already have their pen and paper; others send a friend to get theirs for them. I use this opportunity to mingle with some of the students left behind. I asked one student if he had his paper and he answered: I'm a Muslim. I did not ask him if he was a Muslim. I asked if he had paper. He was expressing his defiant identity. He made clear his animosity through his intonation. I don't care if my students are black, white, Christian, Hindu, or Muslim. But to him, it mattered and he was letting me know. We are Muslims and we will not participate nor cooperate with you.



Students assemble with pen and paper

## Regional Principals meeting

Once again, this program was talked about during an area wide principals meeting. The Chairman of principals called a special meeting of all the principals in the county to tackle the issue of Unrest Among Students.

I cannot express to you enough how important this program is to our communities. And what makes me so happy is that: it's the church! The church is running this program! The church is coming to the rescue! The church has left the building and is entering its' community, into the high schools, with the answer, the Word of God! Thank you so much for your support. You are making a huge difference in the lives of so many in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. You are making it possible for me to reach our youth in their high schools share with them reality and morality. And they love the Word of God; students and teachers alike.



## Schools Right Choices Follow-up

Follow-up is the greatest opportunity this program has and I'm working hard to develop the follow-up part of this program. The church is getting a big foot in the door and we need to take full advantage of this opportunity. At present it is hit and miss. Of course, I want to save the whole world and when that doesn't happen, it's a miss. So I recognize my standards are not realistic. I'm trying anything and everything I can get my hands on as follow-up work.

World Bible School (WBS) is having a campaign called God Bless East Africa (GBEA) where they are trying to recruit 250,000 new students into WBS. Recently, I was fortunate to attend a World Bible School graduation with Phil Palmer who is coordinating the GBEA campaign. He is doing a great job!

World Bible School is a great resource that is reaching many souls for Christ. World Bible School is perfect for this program. Once I leave a school and move on to the next school, the students can continue to study the Bible through correspondence with teachers in America. Teaming up with the WBS coordinators, we sign-up 500 students a week.



Phil Palmer and his family at the WBS graduation in Kericho

Another follow-up technique I'm trying is attaching a local indigenous preacher to the schools I visit. James Njuki is a local preacher in his home town of Embu. I visited James in Embu and took him around to the different schools I visited. I introduced James to all the principals as my teammate. James studied the Right Choices programs' material and listened to me present the material again and again and again. I commissioned him to continue entering the high schools when I left for the next town. And he has! He started small. He presented the material to his youth in church. Then he presented the material to another congregation's youth. Finally he got the courage to enter a high school and he has been going great.

Recently, James contacted me to help him combined the boy-child material with the girl-child material. He is excited, motivated, and actively taking the Word of God into the high schools in his community. This is the best follow-up plan I have at present.

## Car Transmission

My car was dead on the road recently and this entire program had come to stop. Fortunately, some supporters to this program contributed finances which allowed me to repair the transmission and get back on the road. This mission needs your support. I

am in the market to buy a used vehicle that is much more reliable than the one I have now.

Thanks to the transmission repair, the Right Choices program is back on the road changing the hearts and lives of the youth in communities across the country.

## Riots on Thika road

One of the last places you want to be is stranded on the side of road in Africa. My car has been failing me and I'm looking for a new-used vehicle. Thought I'd mention it twice in the same newsletter to emphasize the importance.

While on the road traveling to Machakos, my wife and I witnessed rioting. We saw a bunch of youth placing large stones across the interstate blocking the way. Any car that dared to come near was pelted with stones breaking windows, headlights, and damaging the body. Police were advancing on the protestors with their guns blazing.

Cars stopped on the interstate; turned 180 degrees in their lane and started heading driving the other direction. What use to be "driving the wrong way down the interstate" became the right way because every car was doing it.

As my wife and I were driving in the other direction we noticed a woman running along the interstate with the look of fear on her face. She knocked on the window of our car so we let her in. We introduced ourselves to one another; she is Peninnah. Peninnah had jumped out of a public transport bus (as had all the passengers) and was running for her life. She was a very nice Christian lady and Sonia and I were happy to have been there for her.

When cars are headed down the wrong way on an interstate they eventually meet with cars headed the right way down the interstate who don't know what they know. This cause a traffic jam. While in the jam, I have an idea that the police have probably chased the rioters and cleared the road; so I turn around and start heading back toward the flying bullets.

Sure enough, the rioters are at bay peering over a hill watching the police remove the stones from the road. After I thanked the police we passed the barricade without incident. We thank God the car didn't fail us there.

## LaurieAnn

Being away from home, traveling to different schools is a burden on my family. Often they stay behind at home; on rare occasions I get to take them on the road with me. The trip to Machakos was one of those special times when my wife and daughter traveled with me. I put them in the car and off we went to look for a cheap hotel in Machakos. I wish I could explain in detail the places I stay but 1) I don't have the writing skill and 2) it's just something you have to experience to understand.



LaurieAnn Angela Clodfelter

I was fast asleep in this raunchy hotel room when I was rudely awoken by my daughter, LaurieAnn, pushing a peanut into my mouth. Fortunately I know where the peanut came from; please, I hope I know where that particular peanut came from.

## Youth Seminar

It is a fun, a feather in the hat, to be invited somewhere as a guest speaker. It is an honor to be invited back somewhere as a guest speaker. As was the case, I was honored to have been invited back to the Sariat Bible School in Sotik. I was given a plethora of topics to cover in their program entitled, "Stabilizing The Faith Of Youth Upon The Rock - Jesus Christ."

Joseph Bett did a great job organizing and coordinating the seminar. Over one hundred youth attended the function. Mr. Bett provided food and lodging and orchestrated a wonderful event including entertainment and worship. I hesitated to mention entertainment because that was just a talent show in the evening. The entire thrust, purpose of the seminar was knowledge, education and the Word. I commend Mr. Joseph Bett for a job well done.

It was fun to see how all these topics blended together, touching on one another. I was given the following topics:

- The Church (Church of Christ as in scriptures)
- Holy Spirit
- Music and singing in the church
- Modesty and make ups
- Prayer and Fasting
- Education
- Training and Employment
- Discovering and nurturing one's talents
- Guidance and counseling
- Sexuality HIV/Aids
- Giving
- Respect

Twelve topics in all with five hours to present them. A good time was had by all.

## Judy Jennings and Mike Hall



Mike Hall and Judy Jennings and the lady in the middle is the mother to a very nice gentleman named William

Visitors from Springtown, Texas came to visit: Judy Jennings and Mike Hall. Technically they weren't "my" visitors. They came out to see a man named Eric Chepkwon and his prison ministry. I was their driver.

Mike Hall has an organization in America called Strong Fathers, Strong Families. He is involved in elementary schools holding events that connect the father of the child with the child. A worthy program! I sat at his feet absorbing as much of his material as I could while he taught at the prisons here

in Kenya. It was great to have a resource I could glean from here in Africa. Thanks for the visit Mike and Judy!

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