



R.O.C.K. Ministries International

Reaching Our Children in Kenya

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Dear Partner in Ministry,

As we start this New Year with a blank slate, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland" (Isa.43:18, 19).

While we may reflect on the past from time to time, we are not to dwell on it, but set our hearts and minds on things that are ahead. We're going for the gold, remember? A glimpse into the year ahead is encouraging as we begin to see signs of our dreams unfolding. We are bursting at the seams in Kisumu as we started the new school year and brought in the first two students from the outside community. We have purposed to walk in obedience as God gives direction.



With one house behind us, we look forward to beginning the second house and beyond in God's timing. My last visit to Malava (after several months) was on Sat. Jan. 24. I was amazed to see that power poles and lines have been put up even past our property and the next step is putting in the transformer. This is something we were told would be two or three years away. I came back to Kisumu feeling like my plate was filling up very fast if the progress is any indication that God is getting ready to "do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think".

This week, I opened an email from a dear friend who is a retired but very active engineer living in the U.K. Mr. Howes has put spirit, soul and body into the Malava project from the time he drew the first plans. Nothing could have prepared me for what appeared when I opened the attachment (pictured here). This is a picture of his model of our proposed Multi-purpose Hall which will be Malava Christian Academy, Malava Christian Fellowship and our Dining Hall. I knew what I had envisioned in my mind, but I needed a visual to help me even grasp the size of the building. This picture did it! I had been told it would seat 500 people; now I'm a believer. At full capacity, we will have 210 children housed plus house parents and staff. I showed the picture to the kids today and they went ballistic, saying "it will be bigger than our whole house"! (If they only knew how much bigger).

It is said "a picture is worth a thousand words" and I can't say enough about what is going on in my spirit, heart and mind but a futile attempt would be "WOW" as I take a flying leap and hang on for the ride. Is this part of God's plan for this year?????????

I truly do covet your prayers this year for protection, favor, guidance and financial resources as we forge ahead by faith to 'enlarge the place of our tent, lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes'.

May God's richest blessings be yours this year,

