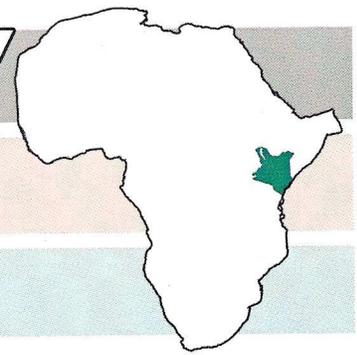


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Dear Supporters and Friends,

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I want to apologize for the lateness of this letter. We have been very busy wrapping up the last few months here on furlough and trying to make plans on shipping a container, what we need to take back with us, and traveling our West to several new churches over the past two months. We had a few meetings on the way out to California and on the way back. We averaged 1,000 miles per week for seven weeks and saw most of California.

We enjoyed seeing the Grand Canyon, the Giant Redwoods, Pacific Ocean, a railroad museum, the Jelly Belly (jellybean) factory, and a picnic in the desert. It was a trip that the kids will not forget, they had a great time. More importantly we enjoined the fellowship of about 20 churches where we were able to present our ministry. Six or seven have already voted on taking us on for support from this trip. Praise the Lord!!!

Also while we were out there, Kay-Leigh came down with pneumonia and was in the Oakland Children's Hospital for three nights. Her asthma seemed to trigger it and change of climate and weather. She has recovered well, and we thank all of you that prayed for us while we were traveling. We also had to replace the rotors and brake pads in Los Angeles (an individual gave us \$400 for this) and get a tune-up when we got back in Arkansas because of a misfiring problem; but God helped us to keep all of our meetings and we were never stranded on the side of the road. Sometimes it is hard to relay all of the messages to everyone. But when you pray God hears and meets whatever needs to be met. Thank you again for your prayers.

In Kenya – A man who was in prison when he was led to Christ by Pastor Benjamin in Kisii, promised to be in church when he got out of prison. He was released on Friday and in church on Sunday. Praise the Lord. At the beginning of this year we reached a total of 5,000 saved in our ministry since 2001. God is so good. Thank you for your support. An urgent need that we have at this time is shipping our container. **We will be shipping it in two months and we need to raise \$6,500.** We already have our plane tickets taken care of by a church in California. We will be leaving for Kenya by the end of July. Attached to this letter are some ministry items that we need to take back with us for the Bible College and other ministries. Please pray over them carefully and ask the Lord if He would use you to meet one or more of these needs.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Luke and Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya

*"To give light to them
that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of
death..." Luke 1:79*