



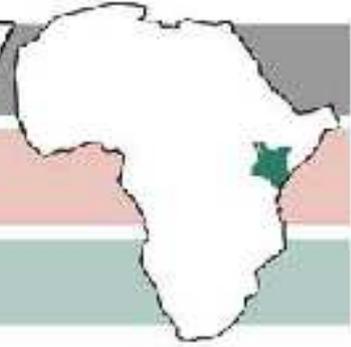
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*"To give light to them
that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of
death..." Luke 1:79*

Dear Prayer Supporters,

January—March 2009

Greetings from the Shelby Family. We want to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2009. The first couple months have been extremely busy for us this year, and we are excited about the opportunities for this year. Abigail's health is doing fine, and the test results were very positive on new bone growth over the last year. Thank you for your prayers.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church in Kisii is continuing to grow, with several Sundays over 100. And we are starting our Spring campaign that will last for 7 weeks; and it will end on April 12th, our 2nd Anniversary. The church organized itself on January 25th; and the maturity of the members is showing through their offerings, visitation, and faithfulness. **We also had \$8,000 more come in for the church's property.** We thank God for answering this prayer so quickly. Please pray about the remaining \$4,000. We have also been doing some maintenance work on the buildings and closing in the Children's church building.

Bible Baptist Church - Rongo

We were able to begin services in Rongo in December. And the former pastor, who took me to court, has now left the property with his family. We have another student who is helping me with overseeing the daily needs of the church. We have been able to see many of the faithful members (who were run off from the church over the last two years) return to the church. And we have also seen a new group of people saved, and the attendance is nearing 40. Please pray for Pastor Bismack Osee as he assists me in this work. We had to do some building on this property also, for security purposes. We are excited about what God will enable us to do there in Rongo this year. Please pray for the evangelistic revival meeting there on March 25-29.

South Nyanza Baptist College

We had our 3rd graduation in December, with one graduate. And we opened the 2009 school year with 32 students. Three graduates are assisting us in teaching some of the classes. We are starting to have some of the local Kenyan churches supporting the college by bringing maize; that we then use for a lot of the college meals.

Preaching points—We have students and pastors who have started preaching points in the villages of Ibanchore, Erandi, Alaro, and Gingo. Please pray that we will be able to start churches in these areas this year. Also pray for the existing churches to continue to mature and grow, to support themselves, and to reach out into other communities.

Please visit our website for a schedule of events and other information about our ministries and churches at www.shelbysinkenya.org. Thank you for your prayers.

For souls in Kisii,

Luke and Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya