



The Shelby Family

Luke 1/19
Tonya 6/20

Abigail 3/11/95
Breanne 8/23/97
Caleb 11/25/00
Kyrleigh 11/23/04

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

Dear Supporters and Friends,

July/August 2009

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and notes to our family over the last two months. We celebrated our 14th Anniversary; and our two oldest daughters, Abigail and Breanne, had birthdays. Abigail is now a teenager, and she is turning into a young lady. Breanne is now 12, and we thank God for both them. They are teaching from time to time in the children's church and Vacation Bible Schools. It is hard to believe that this year is our 10th year living in Kenya, and that the girls were only one and two years old when we arrived in Kenya.

July

We have had a busy summer break visiting with a few churches as a family, because during the school year it is difficult in the middle of the week for Tonya and the kids to see the different ministries going on. We also shared some of the time with Shauna Brockman, who is a teacher in Knoxville, TN. We did a VBS at the orphanage project in Alaro village with 100 and 160 in attendance for the two days respectively. There were over 50 who got saved, and 8 of them were parents who brought their children. We are still praying that God would open the doors to be able to start a church in this village.

We also had the opportunity to go to one of the Deaf schools in our area, and Shauna was able to teach about salvation. She taught around 200 children, and I know she was a blessing to each person she met. We also spent one afternoon at the ladies' prison, she gave her testimony, I preached, and 23 got saved. There are now about 30 in the ladies' prison doing Bible Study courses. In the men's prison there were 64 saved, and several were added to the Bible Study program. Please pray for these ministries as they continue.

August

We held our 2nd Annual Ladies camp for all of our churches. It is held each year at Calvary Baptist Church in Kisii, and this is Tonya's special outreach to all the ladies. We had 22 ladies from 4 different churches this year, and everyone is already looking forward to next year's camp. Please continue to pray for Tonya and her various Ladies' ministries. Pray that God will give her the wisdom needed to teach the pastor's wives and other ladies in our churches, so that we will be able to see a generation of strong Godly women in Kenya.

Other Prayer Requests and Needs

Vehicle—\$6,000 (We have been praying for over a year, for a dependable family vehicle.) Now we have found a vehicle that is available from a missionary who is leaving the field in October. He is selling his 4-wheel drive Pajero for \$6,000. It has been very well taken care of, and this is a very good offer. If you can assist us in meeting this need, please note it on your check for "Vehicle," and it will be a great blessing to our family. Thank you very much for your offering.

Photocopier—\$1,200

For souls in Kisii,

Luke and Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya