



The Shelby Family



Luke 1/19
Tonya 6/20

Abigail 11/95
Freddie 8/97
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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,

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Greetings from the Shelby family. We are all in the States now, and the appointments for Abigail have been completed. She has had improvement in the strength of her bones, and the doctor said "to keep doing what we are doing" to continue to build her bones before she stops growing. She will need to be tested again during our next furlough in 2010; and the doctor believes that the disease should be in remission by that time if she continues to progress as fast as she has this past year. Thank you so much for your prayers. We were also at church's 49th Anniversary, which was on the 12th of October. There were nearly 1,500 in attendance, and there were several who made professions of faith and 5 baptized.

We have several things to do while we are all here for a month. We are trying to get a website together to fully present all of the aspects of our ministry. Hopefully next month we can give you more details on that. The kids have all had their eye, and dentist check-ups and everyone is doing well.

Court Case in Rongo

Also I am pleased to let you know that the case in Rongo is over now in the court, and **we won the case!** **AMEN!** The pastor does have an opportunity for an appeal in a higher court, but that would take more money on his part. Please pray that this is the end of court battle; and that everything can be settled scripturally in the local church, so that this church can be revived. We started this church in 2001 and it was running around 150 in attendance when we came on furlough in 2005. When we got back from furlough in 2006 there were a few more than 10. It was heart-breaking. Thank you for your prayers up to this point, and please keep praying for the work is far from over in Rongo.

Calvary Baptist Church—Kisii Town

Please pray for Jeska, a teenager in our church in Kisii. She has been troubled by an evil spirit for the last two months. At first she had heard a voice in her head telling her to drink some poison, and she did it. After realizing what she had done she screamed, told her parents, and they rushed her to the hospital for treatment. She had also been seeing different kinds of visions while she is awake that were startling her. Then recently while she was studying for exams, she heard the voice again telling her to commit suicide. She was moving around the house trying to find a rope, a chair, and other things as she was being told by the voice in her head. But in the process, she made a lot of commotion that woke the rest of her family up, and they were able to restrain her. They called me, and we went with others from the church and prayed for her. Then we did some other counseling with her, and she is doing well now. I was told that this is very common among the youths in Kisii. Please pray for the spiritual oppression against our youth.

Please pray for these needs:

\$1,230 remaining on plane tickets.

\$1,500 for vehicle repair.

Thank you for your prayers and support. God bless you.

For souls in Kisii,

Luke and Tonya Shelby
Missionaries in Kenya