

WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

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NEW HOUSE

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a while since our last update. Things since then have been busy and stressful, but we praise God for bringing us through safe, sound, and stronger. First of all, we found out that our house was being re-possessioned by the bank. Our landlady lives in the UK and she left her niece in charge of things. For some reason, they defaulted on their loan and the bank came calling. This meant several things for us. First, the bank informed us that we could be tossed out of the house as soon as they had full control of the house. Second, we had paid nearly \$4,500 upfront in rent, and if we left in August the landlady would owe us \$1500.

Third, we had to find a new place to live that was just as safe and good for us as this house.

After searching high and low for a full month, we found absolutely nothing. Every house was bad. They either had big bedrooms without a dining room or big dining and living rooms with tiny bedrooms. Finally, after a full month of looking for houses and paying brokers to take us around, our friend, Sheila, told us about a house close to where she stays. This house turned out to be exactly what we wanted our house to have: 3 bedrooms, a big guestroom, master bedroom, office space for me in the house (garage), dining room, living room, and a nice kitchen. On top of all that,

we also have a view of Lake Victoria from our front patio. We even had a discussion with the landlord to let us rent the house for \$500 the first year, \$600 the second year, and \$650 cap on rent for the rest of our time in the house. The landlord is a committed Christian who really wants us to stay in the house long-term. God led us to the perfect house.



Malachi taking his bath

I Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

PRAYER POINTS

- Thanksgiving for new house
- Mike's work as director of the Bible College. The new semester starts on 29th
- CCK pastors' conference August 4-7
- CCK Women's Retreat August 6-8

CCK PASTORS' CONFERENCE

From August 4-7 we are hosting a pastors' conference at our city centre location. Every summer, a group from a Calvary Chapel in the US (this year Maranatha Chapel from San Diego) helps us host this conference. We send out invitations to local churches inviting their pastor and church leaders to attend. Usually we get

around 300 local pastors attending our sessions. This year the theme is Joy: relating to God and one another based on the book of Philippians. Speakers include Pastor Ray Bentley from Maranatha Chapel, Pastor Lance Ralston from Calvary Chapel Oxnard, Pastor Wes Bentley from Far Reaching Ministries, Pastor Craig Linguist

from Calvary Chapel Entebbe, and Pastor Brian Kelly from here.

I am really looking forward to attending this conference. It will be great to hear what these other pastors have to say about joy and about living our Christian lives in harmony with our fellow Christians, whether we agree with them 100% or not.

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FINDING TRUE LOVE CONFERENCE

In the previous newsletter I wrote how the married ladies in our church were organizing a conference for the single ladies to bring back purity in their lives. Well, we had the conference and God blessed us with His presence. The response was amazing, we had over 165 single ladies show up.

We had four ladies share topics on spiritual purity, physical purity, pure friendships and pure relationships. I was given the opportunity to share on pure relationships and although I had butterflies in my stomach, God blessed me with boldness

to share His word. We had two discussion times, at the end of the first half of the end and also at the end of the day were we had the ladies ask questions about everything and anything.

As the ladies left, we gave them a bookmark that had the names, phone numbers and email addresses of the married ladies who organized this conference so that the ladies could contact the married woman of their choice for further discipleship. We thank God for His faithfulness and providence for that day.

TERRORIST ATTACK

As most of you may have heard, Uganda had a bunch of terrorist attacks. Some Somali terrorist group was not happy with Uganda sending peace keeping troops to Somalia so they decided to bomb different areas of Uganda.

We were watching the final soccer match of Netherlands versus Spain when breaking news came on. Suicide bombers had blown up two restaurants that had hundreds of people watching the final game. In fact one of the restaurants was 15 minutes

from our house. The other was an Ethiopian restaurant since Ethiopia and Somalia have a long history of war. In a video released by Al-Shebaab (the terrorist group) a Muslim cleric warned that churches and large gatherings would be targeted.

In response, our church has hired 4 full-time security guards to be at the church during office hours, as well as hand checking bags, purses, and packages. We even ordered for the metal detector batons like airports have. It's better for us to sacrifice some of our freedoms than to get bombed. Please pray for our safety.