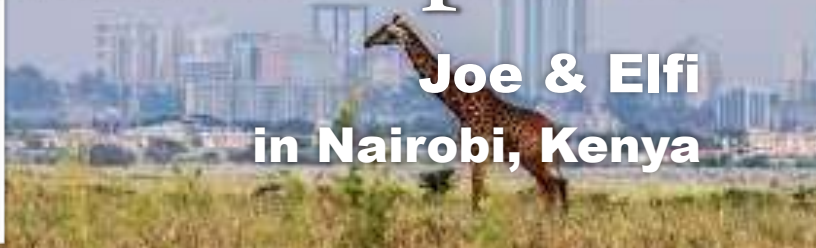




Muutukis Update

Joe & Elfi
in Nairobi, Kenya



Dear friends,

“Finally, I can see again”

“Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.”

Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

These words from Bartimaeus in the Gospel of Mark 10 came true to me this week! I have been thinking for some time that my eyes were not seeing well. I went to the optometrist and got new glasses and *still I could not clearly*. I noticed one Sunday my vision had gotten so bad that I could hardly read the Bible. I made an appointment to see an eye doctor who told me that my vision was impaired because of a cataract that was growing on my right eye. My left eye sees only about 30% anyway and nothing can be done about it.



On Monday this week, I checked in for the half hour surgery on my right eye. To cut the long story short - I am seeing things I never saw before! Praise God for this technology that only eyedrops were needed to numb my eye for this operation. The doctor removed the cataract and inserted a small lens inside the eye and as they say **voila**, I can see almost 500 meters far away without eye glasses. I would not be kidding if I said that the last time I remember seeing things that far away was 20 years ago. This picture above is before the surgery that changed my eyesight. I am marked on right eye.



Ministry wise, we are thankful to God for the strength he continues to give us to serve Him. We had a leadership retreat on 4th Feb which went very well as we could discuss our goals for next 5 years together as leaders of our Church.



Towards end of January our daughter **Anne and her husband Sebastian** combined their vacation with a second wedding, a Christian wedding in Kenya.

Due to the pandemic last year, there were only few family friends who could attend their wedding in the courthouse in Germany. But she wanted a Christian wedding where, we as parents would walk her. We had a lunch for her and Sebastian at Church on the 5th with many guests followed by a lunch for all. There were about 25 friends who flew from Munich to attend their wedding, too!! We of course hosted them later in

the evening at our house. This was very special time for all us with their friends to vacation at the Coast later. We had the opportunity not only walk her but also, I had the opportunity to preach.

In March we had our **2nd Annual Business Breakfast** with an Indian Businessman/cum Sikh pastor whom our Fellowship flew into Nairobi to be our guest speaker for a week. Elfi and I hosted them. Narinder's wife spoke to the ladies in our house on 25th. We had Narinder speak to our men's grill evening, called **Koroga Bonga** on the 25th and preached the next day. Elfi and I were thinking like the Apostle Paul *becoming all things to all people* when we had 51 Business people from different backgrounds in attendance on the 29th.



April was quite a busy month for us too! We had the privilege of hosting our pastor from St. Louis, **Barry and Ann Henning** who came the 2nd week of April and gave us a needed break.

They invited us to accompany them to a game park and then Barry preached Sunday 16th and they left the next day on Monday. This was the 14th time Barry has visited to encourage us at New City Nairobi.

What a blessing he has been!





Elfi began to prepare in earnest for the **Ladies' Annual Retreat** for the last week of April.

It was a wonderful event with another record number in attendance of women from different backgrounds.

Our old-time friend **Nick Archer**, who is currently the Director of World Concern, was on an official visit to Kenya and he popped in to say hi. It was a fabulous time to catch up with him even if it was only for a few hours.



I continue to teach at **Daystar University**. Since 2019 I have been teaching online and probably part of the reason my vision got worse spending too much time on zoom.

This last Semester kept me busy teaching an undergraduate class on *Pentateuch*, a Masters class on *African Theology* and a PhD class on *Scientific Inquiry*. I feel much better when I teach while standing even though it is online!

Pray for Elfi who is traveling to Germany to get something done on her eye that she gets an appointment. She will be visiting with the kids and her father who is not doing very well health wise and brother who has Parkinson's and wants to see all of them and be an encouragement.

As I type this letter, I am able to see everything clearly which was not the case before! I did not know I was almost blind but now I can see again! We are so thankful to you for standing with us through your prayers and financial support to continue the work we do here.

Sincerely,

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