

UPDATE FROM THE MUUTUKIS

Joe & Elfi
in Nairobi, Kenya

May 2020

1 Chronicles 16:34

***“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love endures for ever.”***

These words mean so much to Elfi and I as we write our update this May, 2020. First of all we give thanks and praise to our God for you, our friends and family scattered around the globe. Second, we have felt and sensed your love for us even when we are miles apart. In concrete ways we have received donations of more than \$6,000 to help with the needs in our Church caused by the virus. You will never meet some of the people whom you have touched and who have benefited from your generosity and love. We have even extended this generosity to some of our pastors who depended on tithes and offerings only for their upkeep to feed their families. Our church leadership gives God the glory because of using you to be a blessing to so many of us. We know the needs all around us in the world are unimaginable and yet you did not forget us. May God's love continue to abound in you and provide for you as you continue in being generous to others.

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you to be a
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so many!

The Covid19 may have caused more havoc in some countries than others as we know but here in Kenya we have not only lost people to Covid-19 but also lost over 195



people related to floods and mudslides! Also, compounded by the natural disaster are the locusts. The locusts which made world headlines before COVID19 had eaten crops in many parts of the Middle East and Kenya. We are told the government will need to import over 4 million bags of maize from outside to compensate what the locusts have eaten. (Read more in [The Guardian](#)).



▲ Desert locusts in Kipsing, near Oldonyiro, in Isiolo county, Kenya.
Photograph: Sven Torfinn/FAD via AP

As a family, we had been thinking and planning since last year to attend Elfi's brother and wife's 50th Wedding Anniversary this May in Germany. Also, we had planned for thorough medical check-ups! We were going to meet and see all of our 3 children together after 7 years! Then all international flights were cancelled from March 25th and my visa appointment which was April 27th was also cancelled because the German Embassy closed. However, Elfi would like to still travel in June for medical check-ups if things are relaxed.



Elfi's brother and wife came to Kenya personally in January 2019 to invite us to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

It will require a miracle for me, Joe, to travel. First, if things relax and Churches begin to meet I may not leave. Second, the German Embassy may not open soon to issue visas. Third, we are not sure even if I got a visa whether I would have to be quarantined for 2 weeks once in Germany. Fourth, I will be teaching in August and time is not on my side.

Pray for God's will to be done, he is always good to us and his people.



Elfi and our kids the last time all three were together in Munich, Germany - Fall 2018

With much love from both of us,

Joe and Elfi

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