

# UPDATE FROM THE MUUTUKIS

## Joe & Elfi in Nairobi Kenya

August 2020

### “The New Normal”

Paul reminds us not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving to present our requests to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. This is an all season promise to Elfi and I and hope to you too.

So much has happened since our last update from Nairobi. But first, Elfi is finally travelling to Germany on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, alone. We had hoped to travel together in May but things changed in the beginning of the year as you know. She will be in Germany for 5 weeks! Then I, Joe will be left behind. The new Semester at Daystar begins Aug 31<sup>st</sup> on E-learning and church plans to reopen are in high discussions. One of our Church elders and his wife are opening their space for us at Amani ya Juu to begin our meetings. This will be first in 7 months since we met! We already have a medical team in place. This is one of the requirements for Churches that want to open and meet physically while observing distancing.

Travel has re-opened! Elfi flies to Germany on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Daystar University begins August 31. Church plans to re-open in September.

We just had a pastoral intern with Serge arrive from the States to help us during this time. This is a huge blessing as we open church. I have relied on some of our former pastors to preach online for us. Am thankful to each of them: Shawn, Robert and Gary. We still are praying that the Lord will provide a full-time pastor to assist as I plan to preach less in 5 years!! Oh yes, that is the time to hand over to someone who shares our vision to run with it.

Pray for a full-time pastor who shares our vision.

Our Church has continued to help people and we are thankful to **The Crossing Church** in MO that helped us in a huge way with

COVID relief a blessing to 130 people so far.

finances so that we could assist those most affected by the COVID19 pandemic through our Church. With their help and some

other individuals, we have been able to be channels of blessings to over 130 people already.

As the verse reminds us it is easy to be anxious and forget to present all of our needs to the Lord and seek his peace that surpasses all understanding.

**Join us in prayer for:**

\*Elfi's visit with her family and kids in Germany. Pray she does not need to be quarantined

\*Full-time pastor for our church to take over in 5 years in full time basis

\*Church opening and post-corona meetings at Amani ya Juu beginning September

\*Teaching this Semester. Lots of wisdom and grace needed to minister to the students online

I leave you with a picture of part of our faculty training on zoom this week. The new normal we do things these days.

Thank you so much for your partnership in prayers and financial support.

With much love from both of us,

*Joe and Elfi*

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