

## Greetings from Africa!

Wed at 1:21am

5 April 2010

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoyed your Easter holiday with family and friends. We had a nice lunch with some of our friends we call "The Lonely Hearts Club." These are young men whose wives and families left them when they were very ill with HIV/AIDS. Through God's grace and mercy, along with proper nutrition and Anti-Retro-Viral (ARV's) drugs, these young men have made a remarkable recovery. We are watching God change their hearts from lonely to HOPEFUL as they rebuild their lives and learn more about the God who will never abandon or forsake them. This week, we are starting a discipleship group for these young men. They are eager to learn more about God and His Word. They will leave behind the name "Lonely Hearts Club" and take on the name "Men of Hope Club!"

In January, I took over the role of Mission & Volunteer Coordinator after the departure of Dave & Jen Bell. I am now responsible for coordinating the activities of all three ministries here in Kenya as well as the volunteers and teams travel and schedules. It means less time in the field and more time in the office. We are praying for an Administrative Assistant for me, so I can do more hands-on ministry rather than office work.

My new role does give me the opportunity to participate in all three ministries of CHI-K—Care & Compassion, Our Valuable Children (OVC) and Choose to Wait. I am helping to coordinate our newest OVC ministry venture. We started a Ministry Care Point for twenty children of some of our patients who died. We share bible lessons, crafts and games with the children each week. We will also start a feeding program for these children in May. We are piloting this program to see if we can duplicate it in several of the villages and communities we minister in. Please watch for more information in the next few months!

I came back to Kenya in January planning to live in my own housing, separate from the Christ's Hope office. But, because I am still short on my monthly support, I have not been able to afford anything. The cost of housing is more expensive here than in the U.S. for a variety of reasons. I have not been able to find something to rent for less than \$500/month and that does not include utilities or security staff. However, I have been blessed with some housesitting opportunities that have allowed me to continue to serve here in Kenya.

In saying this, I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting me on a monthly basis so I can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus here in Kenya. I need you, now more than ever! Please go to our website, [www.christshopeusa.org](http://www.christshopeusa.org) and

click on the donate button. Your tax deductible gift of \$10, \$20 or \$30 per month will help me to continue to plan nutritious meals for orphans, teach God's Word to discipleship groups and share the Good News with those infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

May God bless you richly and abundantly for your ongoing prayers and financial support!

Love and blessings,  
Denise

"Whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out His special favour on me—and not without results. . . yet, it was not I but God who was working through me by His grace." I Cor. 15:11