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Dear Nekesa (Harvester),



Many of you have experienced that time in your life where nothing seems to go right. That time when you would give all your effort and it just seemed that nothing would go your way. A season of trials.

We are reminded of Job and his 'beyond serious' trials. We can, many times, feel like we are in this place of many trials. We believe we are doing the right things, only to feel we are being pushed against - like we have been forgotten.

This year has been a year of many trials for us. We started the year hoping to focus on restoration of the properties, Children's home, Bible School, and the Church. Then we had many problems arise as we began the "Restoration Project".

The septic on the property had become such that we have had to make it priority to get it repaired. We have had to re-route it and are still continuing to work on it as it is not yet completed. We have had 2 of our boys, from the Children's home, get sick and seriously injured this year. We had our ministry vehicle quit a couple months ago which has made complications taking the sick kids to the hospital this year as well as transportation to

creative with getting from A to B.

We have felt, as many of you may have, that this last year has been a year were the little foxes have spoiled the vines. We are still growing in the knowledge and understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ's faithfulness to bring about restoration in all things.

all the ministry outreaches we had planned. We have learned to be

We know that many of you have experienced these types of trials and some more serious, as Job did. It is in these seasons that we need to stop and remember our Lord Jesus Christ - He is Faithful that called you and He will bring it to completion!

He has given us each other, our fellow brothers and sisters in the faith, to have fellowship together that we may bare each others burdens.

Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

## ~ Galatians 6:2

We are called to have community with one another. Lifting one another up when the other is weak. We pray for you!



Vehicle that quit work...



Kitchen Children's home - part of the restoration

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## 2 Corinthians 4:6-9

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

Though we may feel pressed, we are NOT crushed. We may feel perplexed we are NOT driven to despair. We may feel hunted down or that God doesn't hear our prayer, but He does hear us and we are NOT abandoned by God.

In the midst of the trials and the fires - our confidence, our hope, and our Joy is found in our Lord Jesus Christ!

His Joy is our Strength! His Joy - What is Joy? You and I.

For the Joy set before Him, He endured the Cross. ~ **Hebrews 12:2 We are His Joy**. We are to strengthen one another in His Joy.

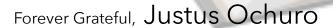
Once we set our eyes on Him, above the trials and fires, we find our perspective changes. When our perspective changes we can see the answers to the problems that God has been trying to show us all along.

Let's keep our eyes on Him.

I lift my eyes above the hills where my help comes from! ~Psalms 121:1 We have an awesome Praise Report to share with you!

Our ministry vehicle quit a couple of months ago. We had attempted to repair it many times, but we learned that any repairs we tried to do have been a waste of time and resources. Just this month we contacted our ministry team in America and they reached out to you, our partners. Through your quick response to the need, we have been able to raise \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new used vehicle for the ministry! We are still in need of raising an additional \$10,000 to purchase. Currently in Kenya, the cost of used

Praise our Lord Jesus Christ! We thank our Lord Jesus Christ that you have chosen to bear our burden with us. Please continue to send your prayer requests that we may also bear your burden with you! ~ Galatians 6:2



vehicles is much higher due the tariff rates.





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