



Changing Lives in Kenya, One Child at a Time

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Dear Friends,

Am I the only one, or does it seem like this year is getting over before it is getting started. So far we have been kept very busy. With the completion of the 5th church the building crew is taking a break from church building churches to going back to the reconstruction of the three guestrooms and central kitchen. The veranda sadly had to be completely demolished. However, we look forward to the new look and a much stronger builder with no bat population to harass us at night. I am so thankful to our building team and contractor.

Just today, another \$5,000 was sent for yet another church, so as soon as the guesthouse is finished the church building will set out in full motion. I believe there is enough money there for at least 1-2 church besides what I sent over today. We keep our eyes moving ahead, excited for what God is doing to encourage His people throughout Maasailand. Help us get the word out and keep the momentum going for the 23 churches in 2023. We want to keep our building crew busy the entire year!

I want to take a break for the moment and share some personal news with you. I guess the easiest way is to just say it, "I, Jan Latsha am getting married on November 18, to a wonderful Christian man. His name is Edward Ashley. We have known each other for eight years now, we have served on church board together, served in various church ministries, we have sung together but more importantly we have gone through intense healing and recovery classes together. All of this time, we were friends but learning to appreciate the other and watching each other heal and grown emotionally and spiritually. Ed has long been a supporter of MDP. All the while neither of us thought the other would have an interest in the other, after all, going through the recovery work together we knew all the good, bad, and ugly of each other's lives. In May we realized that we made a good ministry team. We looked at each other and realized that our friendship had grown to the point that we finally recognized that our admiration and respect was mutual, and that God had been preparing both us, healing both of us and for each other.

Twelve years ago I was having worship and I had said, "I will *never* marry again." Suddenly I heard a soft voice say, "What if I had someone emotionally healthy for you, would you still refuse to marry again?" I looked around my room, thought about what I had heard and prayed saying, "No, Lord, I won't refuse, but in the meantime would You please prepare me for that person, heal me, I want to be emotionally health and spiritually healthy." So for 12 years I have kept that conversation with the Lord in my heart. In May He opened my eyes to the man He was preparing me for. Little did I know that Ed, too, was praying that God would prepare someone for him, and he for that someone else—me. Please pray for us that God will be able to use us in a mighty way for Him.

All the Best,

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