



Children With Hope - September 2007

**“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

We are excited to have reached an important **time** in our young history this month. This month, Horace and Phyllis Leister and three of their children make the move to Eldoret, Kenya!

This represents a tremendous step for *Children With Hope* for a number of reasons:

- 1) We will have eyes and ears on the ground in Eldoret.
- 2) A full time family for the ministry of *Children With Hope* will begin to develop relationships, plan, and ultimately begin building the Children’s Home.
- 3) **TIMING** – While we may have had plans for certain events to happen on our own schedule, we’ve seen God bring about the Leister’s move in His perfect timing to accomplish His purposes!

I want to thank each of you who have prayed for *Children With Hope* and for the Leister family. Your prayers are needed perhaps more now than ever as the real work begins on the ground in Eldoret.

For Shari and me, getting to this point has been about a five year process. The times that have seemed like waiting, were times the Lord has used to accomplish important groundwork and relationships. This allows the Leister’s to go to Eldoret with a sense of focus and a group of “friends” to welcome them as they begin the work of documentation, relationship development, and yes...building.

We have an absolutely fantastic board that has encouraged us, kept us on task and has been a wealth of wise counsel. It is an honor to say that the original board that we began with over two years ago remains intact with the exception of one person. Our board has been a blessing and has allowed us to make wise and important decisions that we trust are led by God and not by our own agendas.

We still have a prayer need for the title work to be completed for the land we have purchased, but this will also happen in God’s **timing**. Please be in prayer about this, as our hope is that the **time** that God will provide for this need will be very soon as the Leister’s work begins in Eldoret this month.

I want to especially address a financial need of *Children With Hope* and the Leister’s. We have an urgent need for a vehicle for the ministry. This will be the transportation for the Leister’s to use while they are doing the work of establishing the orphanage.

The cost of vehicles in Kenya is exceptionally high. For example, to purchase a 4-Wheel Drive vehicle that is 10-12 years old, will likely cost around \$15,000. A huge price tag, and yet we know that it is not too large a need for the Lord to provide.



The specific prayer request is that the Lord would provide \$15,000 for a vehicle **over the next couple of weeks!**

If you are in a position to help financially with the vehicle, I'd invite you to consider if this need is an area that you would support. While it may not sound as exciting as putting up the first Children's Home, a school, or a clinic, it is a critical need that will allow us to accomplish the other tasks before us.

While there still are a number of other financial needs that remain, the vehicle is the need that I especially wanted to focus on in this newsletter.

If you are interested in providing a donation for the vehicle, our donation form is included, which you can use to mail with your gift to *Children With Hope*. You can designate on the form if you wish to have your gift go toward the vehicle or another area as you feel led. Our address is listed below.

If you have been making monthly donations, thank you so much! I'd like to encourage you to continue to do so. We really appreciate your help in this way. If you're interested in starting to make a monthly gift, now is a great time to begin. Included are some friendly monthly reminder forms which you may use.

Thanks for your ongoing support of *Children With Hope*. We have work ahead, and yet, we see how much God has already done!

For *Children With Hope*,
In Christ,

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