

HOWARD, JUNE AND CHRIS CROWL IN KENYA

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GOD STILL WORKS MIRACLES TODAY!

“Please God, make my day, no, my week, no, a month, or better, my year. Let her be o.k..” One of the neurosurgeons was praying as I came out from a four day coma. It started with my blood pressure spiking which caused a hemorrhage in the brain. Fortunately I was in the hospital when my heart stopped beating and all of my organs shut down. There were two neurosurgeons on hand to do surgery to stop the bleeding and the equipment needed to keep things going until I regained consciousness. It was nothing short of a miracle. God is so good.

The first thing I remember as I was wheeled out of the Intensive care unit was stopping for a second and I saw somebody hanging over one side of the bed—it was Mim Grooms. Then I turned my head and what a wonderful surprise it was to see Carolyn Butler smiling down at me on the other side. God is so good.

I was in the hospital two more weeks—each morning about 10:00 Carolyn came in carrying her little bag with her Bible, journal and knitting and settled in for a good visit. It was wonderful. Since I could not see too well (droopy eye and double vision) and couldn't

talk above a whisper it was a real challenge for her. I know but she kept a smile on her face and gave me hours of peace and joy as I recuperated. I usually fell asleep when she read the Bible (could it be because the passages were from Job?) Our ramblings covered 40 years of working together in Congo.

As the days went by it was obvious that some other damage had been done. I couldn't walk without a walker. Writing and typing offered a challenge, my concentration level was not too high and I could no longer smell anything—good or bad.



JUNE CROWL

Now 2 months later things are looking up. The eye has corrected itself. I can walk. . . But without the support of my family, friends and co-workers none of this would have been possible. Your prayers have been heard and God has blessed. Thanks you When I walked into the doctor's office the nurse said, “I see a miracle when you come walking into the office.” **We have seen a miracle!**

CAROLYN TO THE RESCUE

As Michael W Smith sings, “A lifetime is not too long to live as friends,” 1961 was the year that marked the beginning of a friendship that has only grown sweeter as the years pass and distance separates us. Carolyn has always over the years impressed me with her thoughtfulness and kindness to others --just seeming to

know the right thing to do that would encourage and lift others up. Her trip here was just another instance of this gift. When she heard that I was in hospital she called her travel agent and the next day found her on a plane from South Africa bound for Nairobi. The days at the hospital had to be long and tiring as she sat and knitted hats

when she wasn't reading to me or trying to figure out what I was trying to say. Much to everyone's joy she cooked a gourmet meal each evening and cheered everyone up. The workers at the hospital and here at home still comment on her devotion and help stating that they had never seen a friend like her. Truly, a friend loves at all times.

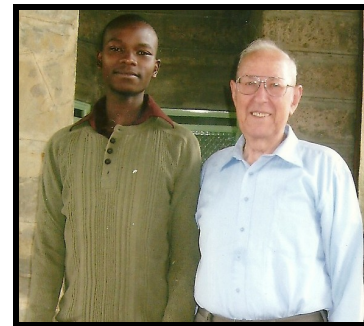


CAROLYN BUTLER

THE SPIRIT AT WORK



The Institute of Practical Christian Ministry (an arm of KCITI in Eastleigh) has been training young people for the ministry for many years. During the last few years the focus has changed somewhat. Due to generous donors from the States a subsidized program has been set up whereby preachers who are active in the ministry can come back to school for one year refresher courses, all expenses paid. In August another group of twenty two preachers was graduated. And as they leave another group is brought in for a year of study. As the men return to the villages they are revitalized and as a result new life is flowing into the church and God is being glorified



There was certainly rejoicing in heaven as well as in the French Ministry when Joseph Kiaria gave his life to Christ and was baptized several weeks ago.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For the family of Migabo , a nurse at Kidodobo, Congo whose daughter was brutally murdered because she refused to allow herself to be gang raped.
2. For God's guidance in starting a church at Githurai.
3. For Elizabeti, one of the ladies at Githurai, whose husband was killed in a rock slide leaving her with 3 small children to support .
4. For Kenya, Congo, the USA.
5. For your missionaries serving here in Kenya.

CHE PROGRAM CLOSED

Bill and Leah DeLaughter have been living in Nairobi temporarily. Along with other work that he had to do for another mission Bill agreed to come to this side of town and introduce the CHE program to our groups.



Since January he has fought traffic and massive construction to come over twice a month to work with two different groups. He is a very effective teacher and the students learned a lot about living and working together in their communities to make them better places to live. He has taught them that they are the ones who can change things—they shouldn't depend on outsiders.

All of the teaching was based on Scripture and as the students were encouraged to pass the teaching along to others they were encouraged to introduce them to Biblical principles that related to said subjects. For example—when showing them how to make hand washing stations they taught that the blood of Jesus could cleanse a person from his sins just as the soap and water washed away the germs from their hands. We just want to say thanks to Bill and Leah from all of us at Ridgeways and Githurai. God bless you as you return home.

BIO- SAND-WATER FILTER

SAMMY AND KARIUKI (AHADI BOYS) ARE THE LUCKY ONES TO GET THE FIRST DRINK FROM THIS HOME MADE WATER FILTER—THE FINAL PROJECT WHICH BILL DLAUGHTER INTRODUCED TO THE LADIES' CLASS AT GITHURAI.



MATERIALS NEEDED:
TWO PLASTIC BUCKETS
SPIGOTS, CANDLE
WAX, SAND, AND
GRAVEL

