

# Howard, June and Chris Crowl

## Serving in Kenya

February 2011

We too wait anxiously for the day when God will give us our full rights as his children. Rom.8:23

*“Do not bemoan passing time; applaud it. The more you drink from God’s well the more you urge the clock to tick. Every bump of the second hand brings you closer to adoption.” Max Lucado—Come Thirsty.*

Yes, Gibbs’ waiting days are over and now he has gone to receive his full rights as one of God’s children. He suffered a massive stroke on Feb. 7, 2011 and never regained consciousness. He will be sorely missed but there were some hidden blessings as well. He loved the Lord so there was no fear of dying. His quick passing negated an unwelcomed, undetermined amount of time spent in a nursing home.

Hundreds of people came to the visitation and to the funeral. The receiving line at the viewing averaged a wait of an hour and fifteen minutes from the basement entrance to the church building to the sanctuary door and then another twenty minutes on to the front..

June was not able to go to the funeral but her spirit was there with Stella and the rest of the family as they said “goodbye” to their beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend.

The sign at the bottom of the right hand column was prominently displayed in the center of the small town of Catlin, Ill. as a tribute to one well loved and held in high esteem by the community.

### LIFE IN NAIROBI

Ed and Brenda Buell- spent almost 3 weeks with us waiting for their car to be repaired. During that time Brenda had some real experiences.

\*She ran away from an innocent rat in the closet.

\*She fought off a thief stealing her necklace.

\*She sliced 3 fingers while helping Ed to move a dryer. Poor Brenda!

It has been an busy month for thieves. A lady in our class said thieves cut through the tin wall of their house, forced her husband to he floor and held a machete at his neck while they stole everything out of their house.

Byamungu, the evangelist at our new project in Githurai received a phone call telling him that he

had won a prize and should come down and pick it up.. His wife begged him not to go. When the motorcycle driver saw the men waiting for Byamungu he said, “Those guys are thugs”. He dumped Byamungu and left. The men armed with guns and knives grabbed Byamungu and tried to force him inside a building. He managed to pull free and run..

GIBBS AND STELLA TAYLOR



- Every Saturday, rain or shine found Gibbs (June’s brother) down at the river or pond unwinding from a strenuous week of laying foundations, putting on a roof or building a house. Not only did Gibbs and Stella own a construction business but Gibbs made it his business to train young men in the art of building. Our son, Dave, was one of the lucky ones that Uncle Gib took under his wing and taught him, not only the principles of building, but integrity in building as well.
- Every Sunday found Gibbs on the back seat at the Church of Christ in Catlin., Ill.. He was always early and spent several minutes before the service started going up and down the aisles greeting all of those present. He loved the Lord and gave generously of both his time and money to further His Kingdom.
- Gibbs was dearly loved not only by his immediate family but by all of those whose lives were touched by him.





Billy DeLaughter carrying his load across the river.

## THE COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM CHE



Half way across , completely exhausted, he is forced to abandon the load



NJOROGE MUDOGO

**Little Njoroge** is the newest member of Ahadi Boys' Home.

He has spent his entire life-time (5 years) on the street. Each evening he would go to the hovel where his crippled mother struggled to make a home for the two of them. She was so happy for him to come to Ahadi Home.

CHE's Vision—Transforming lives, communities and nations through the seamless combination of evangelism, discipleship, disease prevention, and community-owned development.

Drama is one of the most effective tools used in teaching the concepts of the CHE program. Billy DeLaughter, another ACMI missionary, has been coming to two of our different groups and training, equipping and empowering them to do for themselves. The focus is on development of the whole person and community rather than relief, and disease prevention rather than the cure..

In the pictures Billy, instead of teaching the man where the stepping stones are in the river so he can cross alone, attempts to carry him across. If the man had been taught properly then he would have been able to go across by himself.

Just as healing came to the paralytic so healing can come to the entire community through God and teaching and training by others who have been shown the stepping stones.

Our vision is that as a result of this training and teaching a new church will evolve there in Githurai with people who love the Lord and community. .



HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC = LUKE 5;17-26

## PRAYER TIME

.A PRAISE Kevin and Kennedy (Ahadi boys) were both baptized by Howard the day after Christmas.

Pray for comfort for June's brother's family in this time of grieving.

Pray also for Little Njoroge's transition into life as the littlest brother in the Ahadi Boy's Home.

Please make prayers for the speedy arrival of Aimee and the Maxwells to Nairobi a priority.

Praise: All three of us are feeling better physically. Thanks for your prayers.