



## *Uhuru Ministries – Update*

### *July 2010*

Dear Friends,

It is such a wonderful privilege to be doing what I am doing out here in Kenya. I am so grateful to our Father God for this, and so grateful to you also for making this all possible. At one of our recent House meetings the boys were looking at where they are now and where they thought they might have been had not Uhuru taken them in. They too expressed their gratitude to you and also to almighty God. They frequently pray, which always makes me smile, that God will bless your pockets!

#### Layout of Updates

In the past I've been publishing these Updates as an A4 fold. I think this looks better as a hard copy but to email through as an attachment (which most Updates go out as) has caused some confusion. Hence this is just in a standard A4 portrait format.

#### Vehicle

On return to Kenya I along with Caleb, my Manager, set about the task of looking for a replacement vehicle for our ageing Suzuki Vitara. We went to Nairobi in late May and after looking at about 30 vehicles, the right one for us—we believe—came along quite miraculously at the end of a very, very hot and tiring day. The vehicle (pictured below) is a Nissan X-Trail, 1990 c.c., 4 wd station wagon, 5 seater, colour deep red, 46,000 miles on the clock. It has a very large boot and with the back seats down has a generous load carrying capacity, sufficient to carry our monthly groceries etc. Our drive back from Nairobi to Kisumu some 210 miles, was extremely enjoyable, apart from the torrential rain in the dark..



It took a lot of stubborn argument to persuade UAP Insurance to give a no claims discount, eventually 30%. I could not understand their logic which was that NCD follows the vehicle not the driver, strange. We have been with UAP for several years and never made a claim. The cost even so is steep at £572.69 comprehensive one year insurance cover.

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The writing on the banner reads, if you could see it: "ASANTE SANA BWANA JAMES, MUNGU AKU-BARIKI SANA—Kiswahili, literally meaning "Thank you very much Mr James, God bless you much." In the corner is a heart with "we love you". The children were, as you would expect, more than delighted to receive the new vehicle; the only problem has been trying to ensure they each get a ride in it.

#### Work Permit and a Miracle

Once again I am very grateful to the Methodist Church in Kenya for their willingness to undertake the application for an extension of my Work Permit. Without such I would not be able to legally carry out the work I do here.

On the Thursday prior to my return to U.K. I was once more at Immigration in Nairobi and was informed my Work Permit had been approved. Following a quick cup of coffee in town I took a bus up to the Methodist Office only to discover once there that I did not have my wallet containing passport, Kenya driving licence and other documents.. Panic and prayer followed but within 15 minutes someone came into the office where I was, carrying my passport etc which had been returned from the bus I had been on. Anywhere a miracle, for Nairobi a very definite miracle!

## Finance

Once again the work of Uhuru is severely challenged by insufficient funds. I know that this is somewhat of a perennial cry and many of you may be growing tired of hearing the same old plea but I kindly request your patience. We have placed a ban on accepting any new child even where their situation is more than dire. My head tells me that this must be so for the sake of those that we currently have. We are surrounded by many living in the most abject poverty, and clearly we cannot support them all. But when a child in a most pathetic state comes to one's attention to refuse help, knowing the consequences for them, is beyond heartbreak. I can only trust that our God will provide the answer.

## Churchil

Let me introduce you to Churchill, 'last born' called this because he is our youngest child at just 6yrs. He was referred to us by the wife of one of our Board Members. He is an orphan and was being looked after on a short term basis by a relative. I was a bit concerned that he was too young for us but he has proved me wrong and has settled in incredibly well. Last Born came to us sponsored by someone in the U.K. We placed him in a nursery school, adjacent to our compound, where he is in the final year. For a very little lad he has a very loud singing voice..



## Referendum

Kenya is in the grip of a national referendum to vote in or reject a new constitution. The 'yes' campaign which is the government backed side is characterised by the colour green, whilst the 'no' group is in red. Large sections of the church are against the proposed constitution but opinion polls generally predict a large majority in favour. The country goes to the polls Aug 4th. Thus far campaigning has been relatively peaceful, though a 'no' rally in Nairobi last month was rocked by some grenade explosions killing six people and injuring over one hundred. We pray that neither side uses this election to once again stir tribal differences.

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## Rental

I am still enjoying being in the rental though for several days we were without running water due to the two water pumps supplying the roof gravity tanks having been stolen one night. A few weeks earlier following an electrician connecting an electric shower, we were shocked to see flames shooting out of the fuse box. The hallway was quickly filled with smoke and it took some time to beat out the flames and to get the power supply turned off. Thankfully despite the fuse box having completely melted and there being a lot of smoke damage, the fire did not spread and no one was injured.

## School Riots

Kisumu Boys secondary school was recently rocked with student riots resulting in the school being closed for a few days. We have four boys at this school. Thankfully none were injured or detained by the riot police that were called in. Sadly in such circumstances the innocent as well as the guilty are frequently arrested. Another school where we have one boy this term has had three dormitories set on fire. I am not aware of any injuries but a lot of damage was done and we have had to replace uniform, personal belongings, mattress and other bedding. One cannot budget for such eventualities.

## Deborah visit

It was very lovely to have Deborah, No.3 daughter, visiting me for a few, all too few days, in June. From there she went on to attend a friend's wedding in Kampala. Deborah is also a UK Trustee so the visit gave her a chance to see the work out here.

## Personal

I returned U.K. on July 12th and am booked to go back to Kenya Sept 12th. I hope that during this time home that Thelma and I will be able to have holiday time together and also to spend more time with the grandchildren.

Once again many thanks to you all.

Terry