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#### Welcome Letter from the President

Greetings. We have seen the hand of God in the midst of hard times. Regardless of where you are in the world, economic crisis has affected everybody in one way or the other. Many have been affected in inexplicable ways. Jobs haves have been lost; others have lost everything they own: their savings, their cars, their homes. Many have filed for bankruptcy. Shattered dreams of "worldly" success are quickly becoming the norm.

In the midst of all this, we have realized and witnessed His righteous right hand at work. He has truly been tested, and has come through in deed, just as His ways are higher. In the midst of this economical nose-dive we have witnessed His sustaining grace and provision. Praise His Holy Name! We thank God for you, partners and supporters, for your unwaver-



Founder and President, James Kinyanjui pictured with his wife Esther.

support. Many of you have given sacrificially towards the Lord's work with precision of excellence.

OCM has not lacked, the children have been fed, pastors and needs meet every single with any interruption. Your participation has truly made the difference. Thank you for your encouraging response and commitment. My challenge and prayer for all of us is that we will continue above our ability and beyond. These are extra ordinary challenging times and the Lord is counting on us to stand as brave soldiers of His kingdom. In conclusion I cannot express it better than Jeremiah did in Jeremiah 17:7,8: "But blessed is the man who trust in the Lord. whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit"(NIV).

#### **Call To Action**

This month we urge all our fellow partners to consider sowing a seed of hope into the future of the Kenyan people. We call these little beloved ones our Hands of Hope.

While we trust in the Lord to provide for us in all things the Lord has also given us the responsibility of teaching His Ways to the next generation (Deut. 6:6-8, Ps. 78: 1-8, 145:4, Prov. 1-7, 22:6). Our future will be placed in their Hands. The children

that attend our Jehovah Jireh feeding program not only receive hot meals but a safe and godly environment where they can play and fellowship with other children from the community.

Due to the food crisis our monthly budget to feed over 100 children has steadily increased from 300 to over 700 U.S. dollars.

Would you please partner with us in keeping this program going strong? We currently have several partners that specifically give to this program only a monthly basis but we are in need of more. If you cannot give on a monthly basis would you please prayerfully consider a onetime donation to this cause?

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#### Hands of Hope

Special Report by Ronald Kinyanjui



Boys benefiting from feeding program in Kenya.

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investment that an individual can make during their lifetime"



Twins, Emily and Miriam adopted by James and Esther Kinyanjui in 2001.

Our children are our future. They are perhaps the greatest investment that an individual can make during their lifetime. From Genesis to Revelation the Scripture is replete with examples of the special place that children have in the heart of God and in the lives of His people. In fact children were a sign of blessing and favor from the Lord. That's why in Biblical times women were shamed if they were unable to bear children (I Sam. 1:6-8 & Lk. 1:25). In the Psalms we read that children are the heritage of the Lord (Ps. 127).

Parenthood is a high calling and one that is shared with Our Father since He is the Father of all things. This is exemplified in the Gospels when Jesus rebuked the disciples from hindering the children to come to Him. He also used children on several occasions to illustrate His messages from the Father. Furthermore, Jesus could relate to them since He Himself was a Son. Likewise we can all relate to children in some manner since we all at one time were children.

Currently the country of Kenya is in a severe and dire crisis. Ever since 2006 Kenya and the surrounding countries in East Africa (otherwise known as the Horn of Africa) have been experiencing a drought. Moreover, the postelection violence of 2007 (which continued into 2008) only added to the severity of the food crisis in Kenya.

Because of the lack of rainfall rivers are drying up and electrical power is being rationed in the major cities of Kenya. Food prices have jumped nearly 130% in some regions especially in the Rift Valley region that is accountable for more than half of the country's food supply. The current drought unfortunately played a factor in the failure of our

wheat project. With the continuance of the drought, and the slow but gradual recovery from ethnic violence, the children of Kenya are suffering the most.

Kenya officials have declared a state of emergency while the UN has appealed for millions in aid to help stem the food shortage. Up to 1.8 million children, due in part to the food crisis, are unable to attend school. 57% of school aged girls are likewise unable to attend school.

For the last several years OCM has strived to daily provide hot and nutritious meals for over 100 children (Prov. 19:17, Mk. 9:41-42, Jm. 1:27b). OCM strongly believes that the Gospel should be manifested in both deed and truth (I Jn. 3:18). A vital part of our OCM threefold vision (evangelism, education and economic relief) is ministering to ALL the needs of man.



Several years ago my father, the Founder and President, was led by the Lord to adopt two 2 year old twin girls that were the result of a rape. Their mother was only 14 years old at the time (look for this incredible story in an upcoming edition). Today Emily and Miriam are two gorgeous 10 year old girls that are a wonderful part of the Kinyanjui family.

### Food for the Soul Blessed to be a Blessing (Gen. 12:3)



A part of the calling of the children of God is to become more and more like Him. As Adam was created in His image so were we created in His image when we received Him as Lord and Savior. In Genesis we

see the Creator blessing man and woman and they in turn were called to be a blessing to the world. In Hebrew culture and tradition the blessing was an integral part of life. God blessed Abraham who in turned passed on the blessing to Isaac who in turn passed the blessing onto Jacob who relayed the blessing to his 12 sons. Throughout the ages God's instrument of carrying out His blessings has always been through people. In the New Testament Christ continued this pattern by calling the 12 who in turn ministered the blessings of God to their countrymen who in turn turned

the world upside down with the Gospel (Acts 17:6) Beloved let us remember God has abundantly blessed us (Matt. 7:11, Rom. 8:32, Jm. 1:17). We have been blessed to be a blessing. Jesus remarked we are to love our enemies (Matt. 5: 43-48). The Church has always grown even in the midst of hostile environments. The world may despise our good deeds and works of love but nevertheless our calling remains sure. We are called to continue the link in this great chain of blessing and hope for the nations. Pass the baton of blessing to the next generation!

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#### Did you know that ONLY \$1 can provide an African with clean water for an entire year?

Don't forget, for every search you conduct, one penny goes to Organization of Christian Ministries if you choose us as your beneficiary (Under the section, "Who do you Goodsearch for?" select Organization of Christian Ministries (Monroe, NC). So far this year we have raised \$71.70. We have one

more month left to go and they close out their fiscal year!

Lets make it a good one! One penny...it doesn't sound like much does it? It adds up! If just 100 OCM partner's conducted an average of 2 searches a day Goodsearch would automatically write a check to OCM for \$730. If

you spread the word to your friends and we could get 1,000 friends and partner's to conduct an average of 2 searches a day OCM could get \$7,300!

So friends and partner's, spread the word! Why Google when you can Goodsearch and give? It's so easy!

www.goodsearch.com

## **Prayer Emphasis**

November prayer week: 15 through 21. Fasting days are 16-18

December prayer week: 13 through 18. Fasting days are 14-16.

That OCM will finish 2009 strong.

The Lord will continue adding monthly partners

For special year end gifts to help fence our new property, estimated cost \$2,000.

Remember our four fellowship churches: Namely OCM Church Kaptembwo pastor Humphrey and Janet Muchoki, OCM Church Free Area, pastor Major Maurice Mwangi; OCM Mwariki, Pastor Benson and Martha Kiarie; Open Hands Church: Monroe, North Carolina, Pastor James and Esther Kinyanjui.

That the Lord will help churches and other organizations to partner with OCM to help accelerate our projects





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"Go into all the world and preach the gospel" Mark 16:15

For more than 30 years Rev. James Kinyanjui has been passionately winning souls throughout the world! A Kenyan national, he founded OCM in 1976 as an evangelistic outreach based in Nairobi. Since then, the ministry has planted four churches in Kenya and has substantially broadened its donor base through a coalition of U.S. churches and individual partners. OCM headquarters is in Charlotte, NC with field operations in Nakuru, Kenya. Founder James Kinyanjui serves as president.

Visit our website: www.ocmminisries.org

If you are ever in the Charlotte area, please join us for service on Sunday at 10:30 at:

Open Hands Christian Fellowship

The Blair Place Building

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### Testimony from Pastor in Kenya

There is no such thing as a small service to children. A glass of juice, a plate of Muthokoi (Muthokoi is the one of the best Kenyan dishes), a fruit, even a cookie means so much to a child. Putting a smile on a little ones face is worth it all. OCM has not stood by and watched while these innocent little ones stagger helplessly and hopelessly. It may surprise many out there to know that providing a meal or two a week for some of these children rejoices the heart of our heavenly Father and provokes tears of joy to some desperate parents.

Janet and I, coming from a background very similar to most of these children take pleasure in ministering to them. We are thankful to Rev James and Esther Kinyanjui for offering us a chance to partake in the noble endeavors of Organization of Christian Ministries, Kenya.

A Story: Mary was barely two weeks old. The new joy of her parents; exposed to a hostile environment, this angel was attacked by Pneumonia and in less than twenty fours hours, baby Mary succumbed. I just buried Mary two hours ago. Mary Mother is a survivor. She is an example of many here who live on barely a dollar a day. Telling this mother to "go and be warm" and not attempting to empower her economically is like practicing dead religion. OCM is committed to going beyond spiritual enrichment.

This explains why I am proud to be associated with this organization. Kaptembwo is the largest slum in Nakuru city. Over 100,000 live here. It is a synonym of poverty and hopelessness in this city. Janet and I do not wish to minister in a nicer place. We say from the bottom of our hearts. Boys and Girls are giving us no rest asking for the recreational facility. The open field nest to our small 50 X 100 feet property is available at a sky –rocketing cost but we have not given up on it. Its is ideal for a children's recreational center. I see small kids soccer pitch at one corner, a vocational training center at another corner, a girls football pitch here, netball there, you name it!

We are indebted to friends out there who have given, are giving and who have yet to give to the worthy cause of this "on time ministry".

Our unending love to all our partners, supporters, and appreciation to all who so faithfully support this ministry,

Pastor Humphrey & Janet Muchoki Senior pastor OCM –New Kaptembwo Nakuru City, Kenya Dated :October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009