



Steve and Betty Bishop

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## Greetings from Matoso, Kenya!

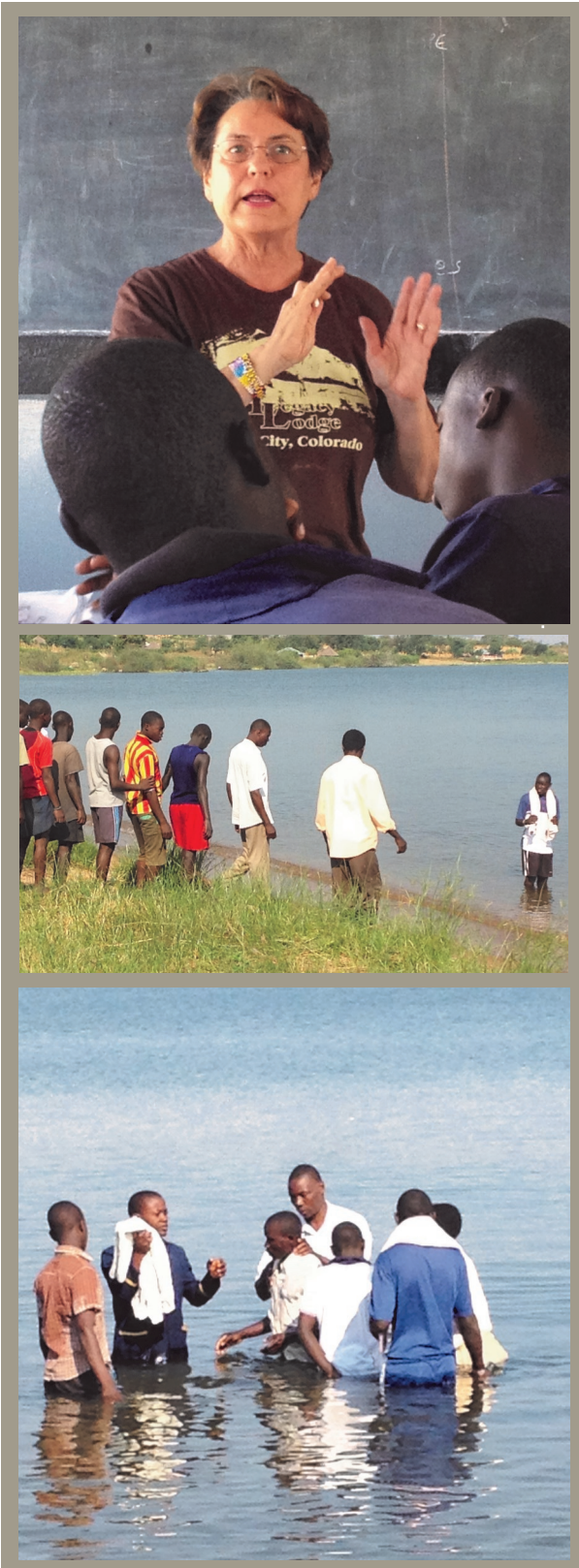
I hope this update finds everyone doing well and in good health. Betty and I have had more than our share of illness this month. We both were down with malaria at the same time, then we were both hit with a stomach virus. On the heels of that, Betty came down with a cold that kept her in bed for three days. Both of us are doing well now and are able to focus on the boys and projects that we feel God has called us to.

### Ministry Update:

Betty continues to be in high demand as a Bible teacher in the local church and school as well as teaching our boys regularly in the afternoon Bible class. Steve's focus has been leading the projects and teaching the boys during Bible class. Many of our boys have come to us and asked how they could live an overcoming life. They felt so weak and couldn't resist temptation. After talking it over with our pastoral staff, we decided to teach the boys using the life of Jesus and the power He had in His ministry. This month the focus was on following Jesus in water baptism. Looking at the life of Jesus, we concentrated on Luke chapters 3 and 4. These passages describe the events prior to Jesus beginning His ministry and the process that He followed before stepping into the path that God had set before Him. The staff at Agape Matoso has two pastors who are gifted at teaching the Word using examples from local culture. They taught everyday for one week during Bible study time about the meaning of water Baptism. They highlighted the effect it was to have on the believer's life when they chose to follow Jesus. By the end of the week, the boys had made their decision to follow Jesus in this life changing event. Truly a memorable sight to see them line up on the shore of Lake Victoria to be baptized. It was great to see our outside boys, who spend the weekend at their homes, come back also to participate and follow Jesus. Thank you Father, for blessing us as we see You changing the lives of young men here in Kenya.

### Project update:

Most of you are aware that I am not an engineer. Therefore, when a project presents itself, it is usually a trial and error process. When God lays something on my heart, I don't know if I should grab it and say "don't worry Father, I can do this" or if He just wants me to learn to grow in patience. Maybe the Father knows that if I had the full scope of a project, I would get



discouraged and not even start it. Although, once I start, I just keep working until it is a complete failure or a complete success. Currently, there are several projects in process. I think I have the solution to our bat problem and will be working on that for the next few days. The students have planted our first maize field using the method in the "Gardening God's Way" manual, and it is doing great. We used reproducing seed which we hope will eliminate the need to buy maize seed in the future (thanks Steve Roach). We have lined the cement pond with the plastic liner that was shipped on the container and added 250 fish to it in preparation for the aquaponics experiment. The hot tub blower is up and aerates both ponds for two hours per day. The 48 foot long aquaponics pond is complete and filled with beach sand to cushion the liner. The alternator was installed on the windmill. It still needs one more set of pulley's to get the needed rpm for generating amperage to help recharge our batteries. The methane gas worked on a small scale, and we are planning a large scale processor soon. The staff was questioning us for purchasing 20 pullets to raise layers for their eggs rather than butchering them. We now get 3 eggs a day. Soon we'll be hatching babies that will become food for the boys as well as producing eggs for them. The Kenya power company came yesterday and asked me to sign a paper allowing them to install a power pole and wires on our property then indicated WE WILL HAVE ELECTRICITY WITHIN THE MONTH!!!!

That's about all that's going on right now.

God bless each of you as you "Walk the path" He has set before you.

Walking for Him in Kenya,

*Steve and Betty*



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