

The Trumpet Call - March 2021



"...IF THE TRUMPET DOES NOT SOUND A CLEAR CALL, WHO WILL GET READY FOR BATTLE?" 1 Corinthians 14:8

Dear Friends and Family,

We pray and trust this letter finds those in the northern hemisphere thawing out and warming up a bit, and those in the southern hemisphere ready for a bit of a reprieve from the heat! These **seasonal transitions** are helpful reminders that **life comes in seasons** as well. We are so grateful that we know and are on this life's journey with the One who controls and reigns over all the **seasons of life!!**

For our family, 2021 has started out even busier than 2020 ended. That seems hard to imagine, but it has been crazy. We are looking forward, God-willing, to welcome into our growing family a new little granddaughter! Elya and Cameron are due with their second child in early May—the spring **season!** Unless travel requirements change, we hope to go visit them the third week of May. In that same time, Annaliesa will have only one semester remaining in her nursing studies, and is very excited about that **season** coming to an end!! We are so thankful to be able to be here during such important times in this **season** as a family. Having missed so many of the changes and transitions our extended family has gone through, it is truly a gift to be here at this time!

With C-19 international travel restrictions in place, it is difficult to remember years when 1/3+ of the year Tim was traveling. It will be interesting to see how this next **season** of potential travel takes shape. Despite the inability to do the kind of ministry trips we had grown accustomed to, ministry continues to go forward. Most of this letter we will try to describe and give photos of what God is doing this **season** in Mombasa, Kenya—specifically.

People ask me (Tim), "Could you give us an example of what a 'typical' day looks like for you?" The answer to that, as for most all of us, is that there are no truly "typical" days. However, last Friday is an example. It started around 4:30am with a conversation with our SERVED staff in Cairo, Egypt. Then, about 7:30am, I was texting and eventually FaceTiming with Pastor Alex in Mombasa. Off and on until around 8:30am, I was texting with Pastor John in Uganda, followed by Pastor Jonathan in the Philippines, and before lunchtime I had been texting or talking with three others: a friend and house church leader in Loreto, MX, a supporting pastor-friend in Iowa, and a friend I meet with for prayer here in Colorado. I had a late lunch appointment with a prayer/accountability friend and came home to take care of Ty in the mid-afternoon. By 4pm I was in a text-conversation with a ministry friend I keep in touch with in Dominican Republic. I also enjoy studying for a Bible Study group that usually meets in our home. And so the days go: full of opportunities that HE provides. Thanks to HIS faithfulness and providing through your generosity, these opportunities continue to be possible. Only **together** can we remain,

Standing in the gap, **Tim, Heidi, Annaliesa, and Ty :)**

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Praise and Prayer

***Praise!**—that God has provided so generously for the church in Mombasa, Kenya!

***Praise!**—that despite great persecution from Muslim leaders in the area, the building keeps going!

***Please pray**—for continued wisdom for Pastor Alex and his church leaders as they deal graciously with Muslim community leaders and the neighbors next to the church.

***Please pray**—for wisdom and boldness to share that JESUS is the Provider!

***Please pray**—for wisdom and open doors for us to serve as God knows best for 2021...including safety in hopeful travel opportunities.

THANK YOU!!!

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As mentioned on Page One, we all have **seasons** in life and varying opportunities within each **season**. This past **season** has seen a great opportunity—thanks to God’s faithful provision through your generosity— to help the fellowship of believers in one of the slums in Mombasa, Kenya!! Below is a brief description and photos to show the progression. Pastor Alex and the community of believers are SO excited and SO thankful to see what God is doing in this **season** of their lives!! I am praying for the opportunity to visit them for a week of teaching in August.

Transformed from a trash pile into a wonderful place to worship the Living God!!



A God-honoring sanctuary for worshipping The Living God in the midst of a Muslim slum!!



I first met Pastor Alex when he was attending a residential class I was a part of teaching in Chiang Mai, Thailand



The congregation had lost the church building they were renting during C-19 in 2020...BUT were offered this property from an older lady whose grandkids had attended their church school!!





They didn't stop meeting despite the C-19 lockdown, and their new water well is providing much-needed drinking water to the community around them. :)

*Notice the dramatic contrast of the blue roof to the rusty tin roofs around them!

Hopefully you are able to see that the interior and exterior plaster is done.



Windows are in, fans and lights are in, and the floor will be completed tomorrow! The people are SO excited for what God is doing among them!! The congregation has really pitched in to help with much of the labor and all of the cleaning. The project has drawn them together and shown them that God can and is working in and through them to *transform their slum community for the Glory of God and His Kingdom!!* They are VERY appreciative for the financial help, and are praising God for the

International Body of Christ!! The church has experienced both extreme persecution from the Muslim community, as well as outward gratitude for the way the church people have ministered to them! :)