



November/December 2023

A Refreshing Visit



Pastor Pelegrino and his wife Happiness were able to break away from their work in Tanzania to spend an entire week with Tammy and me here in Nairobi. Our purpose for inviting them here was to fellowship with this dear couple and to encourage them to continue to fulfill the ministry that God has given them in the Lake Region of Tanzania. We also wanted to provide them with a much-needed time of rest and refreshment away from the heavy responsibilities of family, ministry, and work. It had been years since either one of them could actually get away in order to have quality time alone with each other as a couple apart from Mwanza and their children. We presented the trip to them as a time for them to reconnect with each other and to enjoy a type of second honeymoon together.

Since their original honeymoon they had not been away from their children for any length of time. We had such a wonderful time of fellowship with these special servants of the Lord. It was also Happy's first time to travel outside of Tanzania, so this trip to Kenya was really exciting for her. We were able to enjoy meals together and just times of conversation, laughter, and reminiscing about the goodness of God as we have labored together for so many years. Please pray for God's continued hand of blessing upon their marriage, family, and ministry.

A Special Graduation

Our Bible college follows the schedule of the Kenyan school system, so our school year runs from January to December. The graduation ceremony at our college is always the first Saturday of December. This year we had the joy of awarding a Bachelor's Degree to five of our graduating students. Since this is a Bible college, all of our graduating students have prepared for and will serve the Lord in some capacity through the ministry of a local church. It is our joy to invest in these young men and women as they go out to serve our Lord Jesus. On a personal note, this graduation was special to me since this was the fifth graduation for us since we arrived in Nairobi in 2019. This was the first graduation class in which I had each of these students from the time that they were freshmen until the time that they received their diplomas. They have become more than just students that I have taught in my classes. Our hearts have been knitted together so that they are like my children, and we are now co-laborers for the sake of the Gospel. As Tammy and I get older this has become the joy of our lives as we have the privilege of discipling and training the future generation of African pastors and leaders. Please pray for this vital ministry as we serve at the Bible college.

