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"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" Romans 11:36

PRAISES

- For the Lord giving us strength and safety all throughout our travels.
- For the ongoing growth and maturity of the saints and churches in Ethiopia and Kenya.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the Runda Baptist Church building project to proceed safely and to completion.
- For the funds needed to complete the 8000 square foot facility in the coming year.



Building Durable Missionaries So They Keep on Going.

TERRY & BARBARA CHILDERS

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December 2024

Dear Praying Friends:

During the past few months we had quite a variety of ministry opportunities. We hosted a SMART training module on <u>Leadership Development</u> and four of our missionaries were in attendance. The next stop was to preach a mission conference for a church in Ohio. Next it was on to Florida; we spent two weeks repairing damage to staff housing for one of our supporting churches in the wake of hurricane Helene. We praise the Lord for blessing us with strength, skills and travel safety so that we could minister to the needs of others along the way. Thank you for praying for us.

The rest of this letter is to tell you about some amazing developments at Runda Baptist Church in Nairobi. Our last letter mentioned that they broke ground for a new permanent building. Construction has steadily continued to progress and concrete recently was poured for the second floor.

It is wonderful to see how God has continued blessing Runda Baptist Church since its humble beginnings in January 1989. For those first nine months we met outdoors under some trees (see the photos on the back page). It was during those early days under the trees that a drunkard named Laban got saved; Laban has pastored the church for the past thirty years! Hundreds of others have been saved and baptized; many disciples of Christ have been made!

It is truly amazing that they have raised so much money on their own; it is a huge step of faith for an African congregation! Pastor Laban told me today that they will need \$75,000 in addition to what they have raised. We are asking you to pray and see if the Lord would have you to invest in their ministry. Individuals, or your church or your Sunday School class could get involved. My wife and I are sending a sizable donation. If 100 donors gave \$100 that would provide an additional \$10,000 to what my wife and I are sending. To give toward this project, please make your check payable to BIO and designate it Runda BC building.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support for us and our ministry! May God richly bless you.

With thanks,

Terry + Barbara

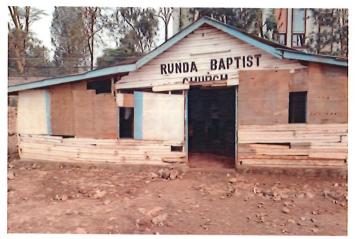
Terry & Barbara Childers

P.S. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!





Our first meetings in January 1989; these meetings eventually led to the formation of Runda Baptist Church.



July 2024, the failing condition of the original wooden building which was erected in 1994.



September 2024, Foundation work for the new facilities to house Runda Baptist Church.



Architectural rendering of completed facilities; classrooms are on the ground floor level, the auditorium will occupy the second floor.