



*“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion, but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him, and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)*



Gene cried out as he was struck by the robbers who broke into his home. As he struggled to protect his family, his wife Chantel, who had just delivered their fourth child a week earlier, locked herself in their bedroom and waited. Their daughter who was in her room hid under her bed. Their son stood with his father in trying to defend the family against the robbers. Then one of the robbers fired his gun at Gene, but the bullets missed him. Finally the robbers gave up and left their home after Gene repeatedly told them he had no money. Thanking the Lord, Gene was relieved that his family was unharmed after this stressful ordeal. He came to church on Sunday to share all that had happened the previous night. His left eye was swollen, cut and black and blue, but he came to give glory to the Lord for his protection and mercy. After Gene finished relating his story, Tom walk up to him with a dear brother named Patrick.....

Patrick, 72 years old and a new comer to Calvary Chapel Nairobi, told us that he lost 5 of his 6 children in the murderous rampage in Eldoret, Kenya that took place after the December 27 Presidential Election. Patrick shared how his wife was just released from the hospital after being severely injured. They also lost their family home and are now staying in Nairobi. Patrick is suffering from numbness in his hands and shoulders as well as back pain after being diagnosed with spinal cancer. Tom told Patrick we needed to pray for him. Taking him by the hand he led him to Gene and asked Gene to lift up his brother in prayer. Patrick is a big man and much taller than Gene. Gene reached up his hand and placed it on Patrick's shoulder and began to pray. Gene was able to look beyond his own situation to help someone else whose need was much greater than his own. They were able to bring comfort to one another as they sought God together for strength and help in the name of Jesus.



Patrick and Gene

These stories speak of humility and love from the One who knows the needs of every human heart. From day to day we never know what is going to happen or what we may be confronted with, but we know that God is good. Tom and I are students here in Africa learning how to love and serve others. God in His mercy is instructing you today right where you are about how to love and care for those in your life. As God goes before us we know that there is no mountain so high, no river so wide that we cannot cross it. *One of the greatest ways to help our own suffering is to lay it at the feet of Jesus and help someone else.*



Maureen translates as Sam from CC High Desert teaches some of the children

Tom and I have had the honor and privilege of serving the Calvary High Desert mission team from Hesperia, California. Pastor Brian taught a four day class on biblical counseling which was greatly received by the congregation of CC Nairobi as well as many pastors from other churches. The team also did home visits fearlessly in the midst of much spiritual warfare. We are so thankful for Calvary High Desert and their commitment to see God's love reach those who are suffering and in need of salvation. They were able to lead others to Christ and be a part of the continuing work God is doing here in Nairobi. CC Nairobi has continued to grow after the unrest of the past months seeing more and more people come to Christ.

After our return from the states, Tom and I have been so blessed to see the work God has done. We are so thankful for all who continually pray for this ministry and trust God for great things. May God's peace and blessing be poured out on each one of you as you walk according to the Spirit.

*Pray for Agnes who just received Jesus into her heart. She has four children. Her husband is not saved and is dying.*