



To All,

We are very thankful for the grace of God which brought us through the month of July with a good report.

July was dominated by the special training of Pastors for the certification level of the GATS program. Three weeks of intense training classes which consisted of 8 hours a day and 6 days a week. It was a time of great rewards for us as teachers. The rewards were in seeing the impact of the lessons on those pastors! It was also a time of huge effort and by the 20th of July all were tired almost to the point of exhaustion! That is where the grace and help of God came in.

For me I was very thankful that God brought me through. I was able by the help of the Lord to finish the allotted time. It was extremely tiring on the eyes at times but help seemed to show up just when needed.

On the 21st I boarded the plane to the United States for further specialized treatment on the right eye. Now the testimony.

When I first discovered something was wrong with my vision I called the doctor in the US who had done the cataract surgery. I asked him about the blurry vision. He advised me to find a specialist in Kenya which I did. My issue was to get a prescription because the sight was so uneven between the left and right eye. The doctor in Nairobi started with the usual examination by having me look at the standard eye chart. I could not even see the largest letter at the top of the chart. He took photos of the retina. His diagnosis was inflammation of the retina and wet macular degeneration. He told me I needed 4 shots directly into the eyeball. The cost would be 160,000 KSH for each shot. (this is almost 1600 USD). Payable in cash! He told me if I did not get the treatment then I would go blind. I was shocked beyond measure!

Back home I called the US doctor again. He advised me to purchase a one way ticket and come home for treatment. I got advice that the eye was unstable and that things could change quickly therefore to be ready to come home before completely losing the sight.

I am thanking the Lord for the many prayers that went up on my behalf! Life Tabernacle Church prayed. Our class prayed. Many, many prayers were in evidence when I sat in front of a similar eye chart in the specialist's

exam room here in the States. When I looked at the chart, I could see not only the largest letter but several lines under it! The US specialist said he could see no sign of inflammation or wet macular degeneration! Although there is still some macular degeneration there is no need of those expensive shots. He wants to see me again on the 27th of August to make sure the blind spot has not spread but wants me to get back to Kenya!

Thank you all for your prayers!

Don and Judy Eastham

PS Sorry I forgot one item. On the 14th I was asked to minister in the Uthiru church which I did by the help and grace of God.