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HIGH TIMES

A Ministry of Highview Christian Fellowship
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Women's
Ministry
Conference
June 3
10:00am
Guest Speaker
Nita Scoggins**

**Mortgage
Reduction
Seminar
9am – 12pm
(Lunch served)**

**PCIF Annual
Conference
June 23
(See insert)**



Bishop Phillip O. Thomas

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FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP THOMAS "NAKURA – THE UNFINISHED TASK"



On March 12, 2006, Bishop Thomas, along with Ministers Rhonda Ruffner and Bena Washington joined a group of other committed missionaries bound for West Africa to carry out the great commission, "**go therefore and make disciples of all nations**". Their destination was Nakuru, Kenya.

After eighteen hours of nearly nonstop flying, the group finally set down in Nakuru, a remote village in Kenya where their host, Pastor Paul Muema anxiously awaited their arrival. Traveling to a third world continent was not a first for some of the missionaries as Bishop Thomas, Reverend Nathan Butler, and others had previously traveled to Hyderabad, India. But for some, the 10-day excursion would be their first in a foreign land and an eye opening experience, an opportunity to perform hands-on-in-your-face ministry.

Excitement permeated the air nightly as the group preached, taught the word of God and spoke words of encouragement to throngs of people who traveled many miles either by foot or some other mode of transportation to hear the Gospel. Although there had been rumors of political unrest in the area, no one was swayed and remained determined to share the Gospel because the fields were ripe with harvest and plentiful.

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While in Nakuru, Bishop Thomas met a young husband and wife team, John and Beth Isoe who were serving in the ministry. Pastor Isoe said he often preaches all day without the aide of a microphone until his voice is hoarse because he didn't have the money to buy such a precious commodity. Their resources are so meager, yet their vision is clear to preach the gospel when it is convenient and when it is not.

Upon his return, Bishop Thomas shared their story with the congregation and the members have agreed to adopt this couple by financially supporting their ministry. Our goal is to provide financial aide and other resources such as medical supplies, Bibles and other emergency relief.

This was a life changing experience because it changed the lives of the people they served as well as the lives of those who served.

If you would like to join our ministry in supporting this worthy cause, please send donations to: Highview Christian Fellowship, Attn: Kenya Action Plan, 4100 Hunt Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22032

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

The Woodpecker Might Have To Go!



Everything I need to know about life,
I learned from Noah's Ark

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit when you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Easter Eggstravaganza 2006

Submitted by Youth Ministry Leaders: Deacon Reese and Minister Shawntal Minor

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!!



Contest Winners: Guess the Skittles – Eden Matthews/Golden Egg – Jordan (Mark of Excellence Preschool student)

EGG DECORATING



The Moon bounce was a big hit!!!



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*"Where Everybody
Is Somebody
Special"*

Death and Birth of a Vision

Submitted by Reverend Shelley Henderson, Jointly Fit Ministries/First Ladies Summit

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. - John 12:24

Almost every significant thing God births He allows to die before the vision is fulfilled in His own way.

. Abraham had a vision of being the father of a great nation (birth). Sarah was barren and became too old to have children (death). God gave Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. He became the father of a great nation (fulfillment).

. Joseph had a vision that he would be a great leader and that many would bow down to him (birth). Joseph's brothers sold him to some merchants and he became a slave. Later he was falsely condemned to spend his years in prison (death). God allowed Joseph to interpret the dreams of the butler and baker and later the king, whereupon, he was made a ruler in the land (fulfillment).

. Moses had a vision of leading his people out of the bondage of Egypt (birth). Pharaoh as well as his own people drove Moses out of Egypt after Moses' first attempt to relieve their bondage (death). God gave Moses signs and wonders to convince Pharaoh to free the people and bring them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land (fulfillment).

. The disciples had a vision of establishing the Kingdom of God with Jesus (birth). The very ones He came to save killed Jesus, and the disciples saw Him buried in a tomb (death). God raised Jesus from the dead, and the disciples performed great miracles until the gospel had spread through all the world (fulfillment).

. A grain of wheat has a "vision" of reproducing itself and many more grains of wheat (birth). The grain dies in the ground (death). A harvest springs up out of the very process of "death" in the ground (fulfillment).

Has God given you a vision that is yet unfulfilled? If that vision is born of God, He will raise it up in His own way. Do not try to raise the vision in your own strength. Like Moses, who tried to fulfill the vision of freeing the Hebrews by killing the Egyptian, it will only fail. But wait on your heavenly Father to fulfill the vision. Then you will know that it was His vision when He fulfills it in the way only He can do.

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