

The Link

The Peace From Being Still

A great promise from the Prince of Peace!

Parents have been struggling to control their children for generations. It seems that being still is a skill that must be learned. Today, meditation is being taught in many gyms and aerobic classes. While peace is known as a state of mind, happiness is an emotion. Many in this world are chasing after their happiness based on what is trendy, and people are finding out that this emotion simply does not last. It is here today and gone tomorrow, based on our circumstances. Discovering the peace of being still can bring everlasting joy.

Imagine the anxieties of the Israelites having been set free by the Pharaoh of Egypt a day or so before, led by Moses to a place by the Red Sea and now being pursued by Pharaoh's army to destroy them. Yet, the Lord instructed Moses to tell the people to **stand still** and witness the salvation of the Lord, for He will fight for you. This dramatic scene is record in Exodus 14: "And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace" (Ex.14:13-14). The only catch was that they were to **be still** and silent. Surely these people questioned Moses' command, just like people are still questioning God's Word today. However, we know the rest of the story of how God held back the sea and the Israelites walked across on dry ground safely to the other side. Sadly, Pharaoh's chariots and army gave chase and were suddenly swallowed up by the waters after God's hand was removed. This is just one of the many examples of God instructing His people to simply be still and to trust in Him. He will not only comfort us, but He will also fight our battles: *You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you*"(2 Chron. 20:17).

Jesus comforted His disciples, as He still does for us, with His words regarding "End of Time" events in Matthew's gospel. This is relevant for today. With all the talk of war and conflict with China, North Korea, or even Russia, we are reminded by God's Word that there will always be wars and rumors of wars. Even still, the Lord Jesus tells His disciples (which applies to Christians today) not to be frightened because these things must take place: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for

all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Mat.24:6). Even when we experience heartaches or are faced with monumental difficulties, there is hope in Jesus.

Many of today's anxieties are not life and death situations, but that does not necessarily take away the pain and suffering they cause. We need to remember that the Lord is our refuge and strength during times of trouble. We only need to be still and acknowledge Him as God: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Ps.46:10). Jesus knows our problems and is only waiting for us to cry out to Him for help. After all, He is the only one who has ever calmed a raging sea with His words: "And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:37-39; also read Psalm 107:29 & 121). Jesus can easily bring peace and calm into our hearts and minds. Even having obtained salvation by confessing Jesus as Lord, we will continue to have stressful moments in life. How we handle stress is determined by where we have placed our faith. I encourage you to call out to the Lord Jesus today. He is always ready to listen and willing to help in our times of trouble: "But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble" (Ps.37:39). Jesus not only saves, He also brings His peace into our hearts: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn. 14:27).

What a great Promise from the Prince of Peace: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). I pray that in the midst of your storms, you will experience the wonderful peace from the Prince of Peace as you rest in Him.

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The Mission Link Board is excited to have Pastor Todd as a new board member!

A New School Being Constructed in Eldoret, Kenya



Over the past decade, MLI has purchased three (3) connecting plots in a fast growing neighborhood in Eldoret Kenya. (Note: Eldoret is considered the “small” Nairobi). A few years back, MLI constructed a large facility presently being used by Anthony’s church. Pastor Anthony Ndambuki, leader of over 60 pastors in the Eldoret area, oversees this thriving church. He is now constructing a Christian nursery & primary 1/2 school. The government is demanding schools to be upgraded from dirt floors and metal/wood siding to acceptable structures. Key: Students are taught the Bible, learning basic Christian precepts.

Mission Link has so far funded \$8,000 to build two classrooms. Actually 5 classrooms are needed, with desks, a table and chalk boards. This project MUST be completed very soon as schools have begun to reopen. Your assistance is very much needed. We figure, we will eventually need 75 two-seater desks at \$55 a piece. **PRAYER REQUEST:** If we can raise another \$3500, we can add a third classroom...or Raising \$10,500 and we can complete the remaining 3 classrooms. Thank you!

Mission Link is Off to a Good Start in 2022

- **DEAF SCHOOL:** We have made good progress in 2021, but there are still some areas of construction that need to be completed. **ANY AMOUNT APPRECIATED!** We pray that the entrance road, power and well can be accomplished by the end of February.
- **MARY KUNYA’S CAFE:** Appx. \$450 for tables/chairs.
- **PASTOR PAUL AKISE’S NEW HOUSE:** Paul, a MLI teacher, has been given \$1800 to start remodeling. Most likely we will be able to finish up his house for \$2200
- **MLI’S HEADQUARTERS REMODELING:** We continue to remodel in February constructing office space to be rented by the public. This will make MLI headquarters self-supporting. Your gift of **ANY AMOUNT** will be much appreciated. Pressing need is remodel kitchen area \$500.
- **OWIDOW’S HOUSE TO BE BUILT:** Rick and MLI’s new board member, Pastor Jackie Carver, will begin the process of building a widow an earth-bag home. We hope to build the home for \$3000 or less. Your contribution will assist MLI with the first “model” home that will foster other homes in Africa to be constructed by volunteers from America. Some funds raised.
- **MEDICAL FUND:** Our medical fund continues to suffer & the demand remains great. We are constantly being asked to help w/ medical needs. **ANY AMOUNT** will be much appreciated.
- **THE GENERAL FUND APPRECIATES ANY SIZE GIFT TO MEET PRESSING NEEDS**
- **SCHOOL FEES:** Many Africans are stressed to raise funds for school fees. A widow needing \$450 for school fees; Nasser needing \$375; Staff members needing fees—the list is long!
- **PASTOR EUTICAULS** is now back in Kenya. He is very grateful for the many donations given to help sustain the mission. He has three schools and a church he oversees.



TEAM TRIP POSTPONED DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE NEW COVID VARIANT: The team dates are June 3-17, 2022. If you would like to sign up for the June trip (cost \$2,950) or if you have questions about the upcoming trip to Uganda, please contact Pr. Todd Childers: musumbatodd@gmail.com

Rick’s Trip to Uganda will be on May 17, 2022 and return on the June 23. I will be setting up for the team projects, foundation for construction of earth bag home, banking issues and finish up on some legal issues as we set up a new NGO called Mission Link Uganda.

NOTICE: Again, **February** is a continuation of MLI’s cell phone collection. Please ask your family, friends, Bible study group and church (Pastor) to donate old cell phones (“**especially**” old iPhones) to Mission Link. Also needed are laptops, tablets, electronic & keyboard. Thank you for helping!



Thirty (\$30) a month brings great happiness & needed provisions for our African widows in Uganda!

Name: Naigaga Maimuna was born in 1956 and has 3 children. **Husband deceased:** He died in 1992 of asthma complications. **Testimony:** Naigaga is thankful to God for protection of her life. She appreciates the help given my Mission Link International for provisions of food and medical support. Naigaga is grateful to God for saving her from being a Muslim to knowing Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. **Challenges:** Health issues and a weak body are making it difficult to work in her garden. She also has ulcers and high blood pressure.



Below is a List of Projects Recently Supported! **Sampling**—MLI & Recipients are Very Grateful!!

Doctor Sam: \$1600 given to support some house improvements and to fix a room that will house his chickens and help with thievery. **Pastor James** (MLI teacher) has been given \$240 to fix his old vehicle and \$150 for school fees; **Pastor Phil** given \$1500 for septic/bathroom; Reagan given \$1500 for a ceiling in his home; **Funds given** as a result of the death of a widow; Mill guard house/kitchen—Over \$2000 to complete this project; Help w/ **Pastor Geoff school**—\$140 and \$80 for solar battery; **Emergency funds** given for a widow needing food, MLI driver, given \$140 for food for his 12 children he (Nasser still needs \$375 needed for school fees); **Pastor Willy** helped with \$200 to purchase desks for his school. **Note: HELP!** Pastor Willy is in dire need to update his school. He needs six classrooms and upgrade a few other buildings; **Pastor Emmanuel** has been given \$600 that “hopefully” finishes up his house purchased by MLI, that is near the church he oversees; Again, \$8000 given to **Pastor Anthony Ndambuki** in Eldoret, Kenya for his primary school—see above for other needs. **Funds given** to finish up the Mill guard house & kitchen; **Deaf School** has started classes in January. MLI has given **support funds** for administration and food. We also gave \$450 to apply for new registration for deaf school. We are in the process of building many desks for the deaf school; MLI secured a lawyer at \$35 plus transport, to help **Abraham**, a street boy, to fight for a plot (land) in Kamuli that was willed to him by his father; Contributed \$40 to purchase food for **Pastor James wife’s piggery**. Gave \$200 from a sponsor to a young mom deserted by her husband; Widows of Itukulu and Mafubira will be given (Feb 7) soap & donor funds totaling over \$7000. Tom Kunya given \$450 to finish plastering home; Donor gave school fees \$420 to a hurting African. **School fees for street boy**—Asam \$175 and for **Abraham** \$175, who lives at MLI Headquarters (also fixed bad tooth.); **Meds** for **Pastor Wampani**; Pr. Stanley child’s school fees \$140; **Pastor Wasawa** help w/ school fees \$50; **Peace** help w/ school fees \$60. This above list is long, but it is very clear that much is being spent to assist Africans, **plus** we have staff salaries, administration requirements, taxes and insurance on our vehicle, plus USA requirement. Your gift to the **GENERAL FUND** gives MLI flexibility to take care of a host of needs and expenses.