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Dear Ministry Partners,

For many, if not most missionaries, leaving family for long periods of time is the greatest personal cost of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth. But God is a debtor to no man, and in a strange new land filled with strange new people, missionaries find brothers and sisters they never knew existed. Shortly after Barb and I went to Kenya in 1993, we met Joseph and Mary. Joseph worked in the Office of the President and Mary was a homemaker. We first met when they visited and then joined AIC Kware, our local church in one of the poorer suburbs of Nairobi where I was serving as an elder. Joseph, a gifted singer, soon became our Worship Leader, then he was ordained as an elder and took over the Adult Bible Study when Barb and I moved to begin working in NE Kenya. They lived close to us, and we were told in no uncertain terms that we were not to wait for an invitation to their home, but to visit them whenever we wanted.



Over the years, we saw them on our regular trips to Nairobi. We worshipped with them in AIC Riverview, a church plant from AIC Kware which they had been instrumental in starting in an adjacent suburb... and we visited them unannounced "whenever we wanted". Joseph was a man of great integrity who worked hard in what was a position of great responsibility and undoubted difficulty. He was a leader who never dodged responsibility and whom I never knew to compromise on what was right and true. I have also never known a man who was more filled with joy. Even when he was not singing, he always looked as though a song might spring unbidden from his lips.



When Barb and I arrived in Kenya in May, we learned that Joseph had gone to be with the Lord the previous month. When we called Mary, she told us to come over to the house for lunch. Joseph had gone to the hospital for complications from diabetes and had never come home. She said that his memorial service was mostly music as Joseph had requested people spend the time singing the praises of His Lord.

For all of you who give and pray so that your missionaries can make disciples to the "ends of the earth, I look forward to the day when you can meet the rest of the family...

Jim Teasdale
For the TMM Family