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District Superintendent

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Mr. Dick Weber
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Dear Dick:

I have really enjoyed talking with you, Michael and members of your Advisory Board. It is truly gratifying to see how God has blessed Michael and his ministry.

I was impressed with Michael when he was a student in Lay Missionary Training. I was privileged to spend several days with him in that setting. He was a blessing to the class. At the end of the class he shared that he felt God was calling him to establish a mission serving HIV/AIDS orphans in his home area of Kenya. It is rewarding to see that the vision for that ministry is now being realized.

It seems no time since The Mission Society commissioned Michael. Now you have already placed thirty orphans. We thank God for how he is opening doors to provide the needs of the mission. I am particularly impressed with the weekly Bible studies that you have established for the orphans and their extended families. I am not surprised that others in the community are attending as well. Too many faith based agencies become so wrapped up in providing badly needed social services they neglect sharing the Good News of Jesus. It is gratifying that Michael is insisting on this aspect of the ministry and that God is using it to reach the community in Kisumu.

I was also privileged to have him speak to the preachers in the Atlanta Marietta District. He presented himself and his vision for ministry in a most effective and winsome way. His spiritual maturity and passion for sharing God's love with those who do not know it is evident.

Congratulations on the progress you are making and may God continue to bless this ministry.

In Christ,

Warren Lathem