

Kenya Evangelical Mission
Funeral Update from Lois Osborne
October 8, 2008

Greetings to All

I just wanted to send a note to everyone because I know you were praying.

Yesterday, the funeral , was a very amazing day, and God totally protected us.

We awoke at 4:30 am to prepare to go to the mortuary to collect the Hoyt's body at Nairobi(at least a two hour trip each way). He had a beautiful white shiny coffin with gold trim and gold praying hands all around the bottom. As we proceeded home with a long line of cars, all with their flashers going, we were met by a police escort three towns from Kangundo, that drove ahead of us with lights flashing and sirens wailing for the remaining fifteen kilometers.

We arrived at the college for the service with five large tents packed with 800-900 people. Many pastors, neighbors, and friends were there. Kenyan people are buried in people's compounds, so the men have been working for four days to dig a grave and prepare a tomb for him. He is buried in a small grove of trees, on the land below our home.

Pray for me as I face the grief of life without him, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope.

Thanks so much for all the prayers, concern, and notes. I have not been able to answer them all, but have read them, and been encouraged by the outpouring of love you have sent. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the funeral expenses can make donations to KEM.

Much love,
Lois