

Kenya Evangelical Mission
Fall Newsletter- funeral
October 22, 2016

Dear Family and Friends,

It is with great sadness/relief that we send this notice to those of you who might not have received word of Hoyt's home going on September 29, 2016. He was basically sick and suffering for many months, so we are happy that even though we miss him so much, he is at peace in the arms of Jesus!!



We will include the eulogy and a letter from Lois to the Kenyan community that was read at the funeral and a few pictures.

Lois will be coming home to the US for a four-month visit and you can email her at her usual address (hoytholo@gmail.com). She will travel with her computer. Pray that Shad and Fitz will be able to come soon to travel to the churches. Donations should be sent as usual to Sue who will send them on to the appropriate place.



Eulogy

Rev. Howard Hoyt Osborne was born in Butte, Montana on February 14, 1947. Born on Valentine's Day, the day of celebrating Love, his life was a story and celebration of Love, too!

Though he was led to the Lord at age 18 by his sister, Mary, his life really began in August of 1989, 27 years ago, when he followed God's call to Kenya to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was love at first sight for the country and its people. He loved most everyone he saw and his main concern was that they know Jesus. His love went so deep that he not only cared for the spiritual needs of the people but also the physical needs. He could not stand to see people suffer.

This love led him to share his home with many, to open schools so youth might be educated, and to build twenty-seven churches.

In 2002, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. From then on life was a physical struggle for him, but he never lost his zeal for the work of the Lord.

One day while lying close to death, in the hospital intensive care unit, nearly unconscious, he spoke out loudly, "Oh, how am I going to get these churches built?" Even close to death that was his concern! Much could be said in praise of Rev. Osborne and all that was done with the help of his Kenyan partners, but he would be unhappy to be praised. He would want all glory and praise to go to his Creator, Master, Savior, and friend.

Rev. Osborne went to be with his Lord on Thursday, September 29, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Lois, three sons and six grandchildren in America, and many Kenyan sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

REST IN PEACE OUR BELOVED!



Letter from Lois to the Kenyan People

Dear Family, Friends, and Neighbors-

First of all, I would like to assure all of you that I am doing well, and that the Lord is strengthening me day by day.

When Osborne passed, two things immediately came to my mind: how blessed I was to have been married to such a man, and secondly, how much work there was still to do for the Lord.

I can say like Ruth in the Bible, you are my people and I want my God to be your God. I want you all to know Christ the way Osborne knew Him!!

Therefore, I plan to stay here in Kangundo and continue the work he started.

I will visit America, but don't say, "Mama has gone home." Only say, "Mama has gone to America to visit." My home is here!

Blessings- Mrs. Lois Osborne

