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Dear Friends,

God has blessed us so very much. On November 8th I, along with about a dozen other missionaries, sat in the office of the Commissioner of Domestic Tax, Mr. Jack Ranguma. Also present were two Senior Assistant Commissioners of Tax. He was very cordial to us and very informative. He explained the tax issue from the government's side and also talked about the missionaries' side. He told us that he knows a lot of missionaries have already left the country over the tax issue and that he does not want to see more leave. He said he has observed since "Uhuru", Kenya's independence from England in 1963, that in the places where the missionaries have lived and worked that the people are better educated, have a better way of life and are more developed than those in areas where there were no missionaries. He said the missionaries have helped in the development of Kenya.

He told us that he did not want to see the missionaries have to leave because they can not afford to pay the tax and that he will talk to the head man about the tax issue on our behalf. He did say that the tax issue will not go away and that we will have to pay. But he knows that the initial amount that we heard about of up to \$1500.00 per month was above our capabilities. He seems to think that if he goes to the head of the tax department with a proposal of - what would be about \$350.00 for Betty and me - that he thinks the head man will agree with him.

Things in Kenya are really going great. Souls are being saved and we are seeing baptisms in all of the churches. God is blessing us both in the work and in our own personal life. We will start the Bible Institute again in January. We are excited about all that is going on. I really do appreciate your prayers for me in all that has happened. We appreciate your financial support which has enabled us to be missionaries for the past 32 years. God bless you and your work as we work together as co-laborers for our Saviour.

We send our greetings for a very blessed Christmas season for you and your loved ones.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Thank you for your love.

Your co-laborers in Kenya,
Bob and Betty Stamper