

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all my friends and family

Although it may be a happy new year for many of you, in Kenya it is not. The results of the election on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December left many people angry as it appears that the votes were rigged, resulting in the former president staying in power. Many Kenyans feel that they have been cheated and are still very angry. This led up to tribal riots, where the different tribes of the president and the runner up who used to get along fine started to slaughter each other. Houses were burned to the ground, businesses were destroyed, there has been a food shortage, and people are hopeless. During these times, we were under compound "lockdown," as it was too dangerous to go out.

We praise the Lord for the calmness of the past few days. Tensions do remain high and there still are acts of violence taking place, mostly in western Kenya and in the slums of the major cities. Some transportation between western Kenya and Nairobi has been restored, but many people are still stranded. I happily resumed my work at Coptic Hospital January 8<sup>th</sup>. Although things have cooled down, people are still homeless and living in refugee camps.

An SIM project has been setup for people who want to donate funds to help with the relief efforts and can be found at [www.sim.org](http://www.sim.org).

The project number is **KE92601**  
and is titled: **Kenya Emergency Relief Fund**

Funds can be sent via any SIM Sending Office, please reference the above project number. Donations given will normally qualify as tax deductible or similar depending on the country of the sending office. These funds will be used to assist with food, water, medical needs, etc and will in most cases be directed through an existing local church or ministry that already has a good working relationship with SIM in Kenya. We do intend to have SIM people involved as well in many of the cases.



## Please Pray For:

- Peace in Kenya
- That the Government Leaders would find a resolution
- That God would use Kenyan Christians as peace makers
- That no more lives would be lost
- People would look to God in these times of trouble and stop fighting other tribes

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sarah