



MISSION FOR ADVANCING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION & FRIENDS COMMITTED TO CARING



From The Executive Director's Desk

Thank you for praying for us during our **recent African Mission**. Allow me to share with you some answers to prayer.

Our trip to Zambia and Kenya this year was not without its challenges. The Pastoral training, the Women's training and Keswick Convention went well, but there were many spiritual battles.

On Fathers' Day, God cornered many men regarding their walk with Him, and it was a joy to see many publicly stand in recommitment of their lives to the Lord. What was an even more tearful experience was to see their wives standing with them. This is unusual in the culture where we were serving, but praise God for the work of the Holy Spirit.

One pastor came to me and said that he did not understand why "Christians keep coming back" to him for deliverance. After much deliberation, the Lord showed us that although Christians cannot be possessed by an evil spirit, they *can* be oppressed, and this seems to be the case in many African churches, because of their past or present connection with spiritism. This presents a huge problem, but we have begun to see a breakthrough as the Holy Spirit intervenes. The pastors and lay leaders are eagerly looking forward to next year when this area will be dealt with more in depth. Please keep us in prayer as we plan and prepare for next year.

One of the organizations we work with is the Evangelical Church of Zambia (ECZ) which has over 1,400 churches in the country with **only 60 pastors**. Next year they are celebrating 100 years and we are trusting the Lord to help with the training of at least 50 new pastors and help them towards self sustainability. **\$100.00** will purchase 4 goats and help a pastor to support himself and family after two years of raising these goats.

Will you prayerfully consider helping one of these pastors or even providing for one goat? May the Lord bless you as you partner with us.

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PRAY FOR.....

- Medical and Ministry Teams in 2010 for Guyana, Zambia and Jamaica.
- Pastoral training in Guyana, Zambia and Kenya.
- Poor Christian women in Kenya and Zambia who prostitute themselves to provide for their families.
- Mabel Kingoina (22 years old) from Kenya, who has a tumor in her head. Help has been provided for her surgery from the Omni Hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador.



Mabel Kingoina

REPORT FROM MARILYN DANIELS



Women in Crisis Class, Bethel Temple, Lusaka

This year rather than doing clinics, a small team from Canada concentrated on training men and women for ministry in Zambia and in Kenya. This provided us with opportunities to assess the needs for future training of pastors, lay people and women.

The women's conference in Lusaka was a very rewarding experience! 50 ladies received certificates for their participation in studying ministry to Women In Crisis, from a Biblical perspective.

Whole villages in the copper belt region of Zambia gathered under the trees to hear a presentation on HIV/AIDS, followed by teaching in separate groups of men and women on agriculture and women's health respectively. In these villages it was a joy to see the sewing centres equipped by machines sent from MATE/FCC, are earning

The slums of Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya presented various challenges for the women who attended sessions of Bible Study. Hunger seemed to shorten their attention span. Their literacy level was low for most, so we directed their attention to Biblical principles for living through dramatizing bible stories and role play. Most of these ladies did not have Bibles of their own, so it was a thrill when a pastor responded to the need by pledging 20 Bibles in various tribal languages for these dear women.

In a practical demonstration of the love of Christ, we were happy to provide a basic lunch during this conference, for the attendees, one of whom was found stuffing her lunch into a plastic bag to take home to her hungry family! That was heart-breaking!

We praised God for the support of those who remained at home to pray for us as we met various unexpected challenges! Among many women in Africa there is a general problem with **fear** - fear of the supernatural, of tribal traditions, of taboos, of God; the lists were endless. We pray that reassurances given from scripture will help these Ladies to understand God doesn't endorse a spirit of fear, but rather has provided for our fears to be relieved once we discover what it means to be "In Christ"! Our efforts to teach these women how important they are individually to Jesus, met with deep appreciation. They have begged us to return next year to carry on the teaching we began this year.

Marilyn Daniels

Some of the Zambian Trainees

REPORT FROM ROY VERZOSA

We thank God for answering our prayers for The Apollos Project seminars in Zambia and Kenya. Retired Lt. Col. Davy Mwansa (a Zambian deacon) said, "the impartation of knowledge...came to me with such amazing clarity and accuracy as never experienced before in my learning experience. I am really energized from within by the Holy Spirit and will put the acquired knowledge to work in my Christian life as I study and understand the Bible in its logical context." A Kenyan pastor (Nyenze Mulemi of Nairobi Pentecostal Church) wrote, "The Apollos Project seminar has been a very good refresher course for me. Having done hermeneutics at Kenya Nazarene Bible College before, I found your presentation to be more thorough and in-depth. You made the subject a lot easier to understand. This seminar has whetted my appetite to continue learning, studying the Word of God to be an approved servant of God rightfully dividing the Word of Truth."

One bishop in Kenya who traveled 400 km. to join us even offered a piece of land if we would put up a Bible School in his area. Certainly, a lot of work needs to be done yet in Africa as many churches do not have formally-trained preachers and teachers of the Word. The Zambians and Kenyans expressed their desire to



have another training next year, assuring us with more attendees after knowing what the seminar is all about.

We appreciate so much your support both in prayers and financially. Indeed, all praises and glory belong to God's Name alone!

Roy Verzosa