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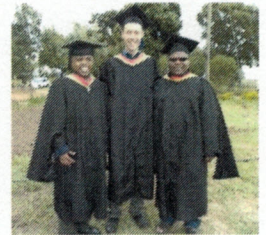
Dear Family and Friends,

August has arrived and its arrival leaves me wondering how June and July could have moved through our lives so quickly. Today, I begin a stretch of travel that will take me to three African countries over three and ½ weeks. It will be intense and very fulfilling. Before providing prayer requests for the trip, here's news from our family.

**Family Update** – After returning from Indonesia and Hong Kong, early June began with a stretch of family events that included a baby shower for Ashley (baby is due on 8/24), a ceremony for Matt's completion of training for a new position with the State of Pennsylvania, and two funerals for relatives. In these events, Joyce and I were reminded that life is full of joys and sorrows. It also includes interruptions. In early July, while on our vacation, Joyce had a bicycle accident that produce a fractured elbow and deeply bruised knees. She is mending nicely, but we wondered if I should cancel part of the upcoming trip. After praying and getting medical advice, we decided to continue with the plans listed below. Joyce remains in Ithaca as I travel.

### Prayer Items for the Trip

**August 8-15 - Scott Christian University in Machakos, Kenya**, where I will teach a one-week intensive course on *Pastoral Care for Church Workers*. Dr. Jamie Viands, Dean of the Theology Department, invited me to teach this 3 credit course which requires 6 hours of classes each day for five days. *Please pray for my interaction with the students, keen insight into the issues facing the Church in Kenya, and stamina for the long days.*



**August 15-22 – Partner with Kampala Baptist Church** in Masaka to develop an *Emerging Leaders Conference* for 25 young adults from four regions of the Masaka District. Identified by Masaka Church leaders, these young adults will meet for discipleship and mentoring through the study of Scripture. Also, we are in the early stages of producing original Scripture songs written by the ladies in the picture. *Please pray that the Conference will produce spiritual growth in the attendees and for the development of worship music by Harriett and Goretti.*

**August 23-29 – Partner with Jeremy and Bethany Colvin of Choshen Farm in Fimpulu, Zambia** for a second installment of Christ in the Old Testament. Following up our April Conference on the Pentateuch, we will study the historical books of Joshua – 1 Kings 11. *Please pray that the truths of the gospel will be seen in our Scripture study and that these truths will impact the village and entire Mansa region with transformed lives through faith in Christ. Pray for the ministry of Choshen Farm and for Bethany and the girls as they return on August 30<sup>th</sup> after an extended time in the States.*



Much preparation was required for this trip and your prayers and your support mean the world to us. Please keep our family in your prayers during these upcoming weeks. We are very grateful for your encouragement to continue doing what God has called us to do. Thank you!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave".

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