



September 2015

Dear Family and Friends,

Thanks for your prayers during August. It was a full month of travel and teaching, along with wonderful news on the home front. First, Joyce is fully recovered from the bike accident and has returned to her normal routine of work and relationships. Also, we are thrilled to announce that *Reagan Michelle Jones*, Matt and Ashley's daughter, entered this world on August 25th and is adjusting superbly to her new environment. We just returned from Philly and enjoyed spending time with this precious little girl and her parents. We are grateful for God's many good gifts to our family.



The 25 day ministry trip was exceptional, with the first stop at Scott Christian University in Machakos, Kenya. I had the privilege of teaching and mentoring three students in a course entitled *Pastoral Care of Christian Workers*. During 30 hours of classroom interaction, we considered the importance of nurturing and counseling people that God brings into their churches and lives. Now, each student is responsible for a research project addressing a specific challenge to gospel ministry in Kenya. I look forward to their contribution to my growing awareness of the contexts in which African pastors serve. Dr Jamie Viands invited me back to teach, so **pray for clarity as the 2016 schedule develops.**

From Kenya, I traveled to Uganda for our third Masaka event this year. Sensing the need to equip emerging leaders, Masaka Church leaders selected eighteen people who gathered over four days to learn basic discipleship material and study 2 Timothy. Pastor Andrew Mwenge, of Kampala Baptist Church, remarked that the group asked great questions and displayed a grasp of Scripture that greatly encouraged his heart. **Pray for these young leaders and our Ugandan partnership ministries.**



The third country visited was Zambia, where I continued teaching on the theme of *Christ in the Old Testament*. With almost double the number of participants from the April Conference, it was rewarding to see how readily they grasped the concepts presented. Also, the relational connections deepened as the time spent in God's Word was rich. **Pray for the Church leaders in Fimpulu and Mansa, Zambia as they face many theological aberrations and ministry challenges. Also, keep our partners at Choshen Farm in your prayers as they encourage biblical education for the Mansa region of Zambia.**

Thanks for your continued encouragement and prayers. For more updates on this August trip and a look at the October 22- November 13 trip to Uganda, go to www.partnershipsfortraining.org for details.

With thankful hearts,

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