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Please forgive the lateness of this report, however we returned from the ABWE Mission Enrichment Conference in July to discover that our computer needed replacing. This has delayed mailings considerably.

June email (Update for those without email)

Hello friends and prayer partners

I want to take a moment and let you know that I have arrived safely back in Canada after about a 5 week teaching tour to Ghana and Togo. Thank you for your faithful prayers. I was privileged to teach 3 classes with a total of 31 pastor/pastor-interns. The opportunity to share God's Word in critical areas of Satanology and Demonology, as well as Spiritual Gifts and Ecclesiology (the doctrine of the church), presented occasions for good discussion and a better understanding of the cultural challenges to West Africa. Although I had a touch of Malaria for a couple of days, the preventive medication minimized the down time. The teaching and discussions were a great blessing to me.

I have been asked to return a.s.a.p. to address teaching on stewardship, the Ministry of the Holy Spirit and repeat the Ecclesiology class in other locations. This is dependant upon the Lord providing additional support. Additional courses and study guides have to be prepared for some of these classes. My work is cut out for me for the next few months.

Here are some specific prayer requests: 1. For pulpit supply opportunities for the summer (few churches have mission presentations during the summer months). 2. For Mission Presentation Meetings at churches in the fall (We have contacted 300 Ontario churches resulting in 30 meetings last year. Now we are waiting for the Lord to give us some direction as to who we should be contacting, whether to go outside of Ontario to the other provinces or the U.S., or whether to re-contact churches). 3. For travel safety and enrichment as Kathi and I attend Mission Enrichment Conference in Harrisburg in July. 4. For wisdom as I labour to put together a curriculum for the West African Baptist Bible Colleges and Institutes which Dave Totman (Ghana team leader) has asked me to assist him in. 5. For wisdom as I continue to write College Courses and Study Guides. Although Kathi and I will work to complete our next Newsletter, I wanted to bring you up to date on the Lord's blessings. Thank you again for your prayers and encouragement.

Ministry Update

In May/June I [Earl] traveled to West Africa for another teaching tour. I was privileged to teach 31 pastor/pastor-interns in 3 classes in 2 countries. Having been asked to address the doctrine of angels, Satan, and demons the exposure to the cultural challenges of these leaders was clearly evident. It was a great blessing to see how Christ's words "You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free" was played out before my eyes as these men found liberty from the bondage of Satan - "the fear of death" (Heb. 2:14-15).

There are approximately 100 church leaders enrolled in the ABWE Bible training ministries in West Africa. These men represent a meaningful missionary force for the cause of Christ. As well, the ABWE hospital in Togo reported 1800 decisions for salvation in 2003. This represents a large number of new believers in need of pastoral ministry. The training needs in West Africa are ever pressing, persuading ABWE to encourage Earl to be involved even prior to 100% support.

At present, we are looking for the Lord to burden 10 families from 15 churches to commit \$20 per month to the ministry of training pastors in West

Africa. Please continue to pray for God to use us as He wills during pre-field, and to give the hearts of His people a burden for this training ministry.