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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. Also, in an effort to keep publication and distribution costs at a minimum, we have eliminated the 'colour' segments of the Newsletter and limited distribution to our email partners and 3 copies to each church. We trust those who have signed up as prayer partners and received in the past personal copies of the Newsletter will understand our challenge to be cost effective. Thank you for your patience.

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).

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.

The Lord faithfully provided a number of pulpit supply opportunities through out the summer, as well, He afforded time to continue preparation of

Bible college courses and blessed Kathi and I with great training at the Mission Enrichment conference. Here Kathi completed a course in ESL (teaching English as a Second Language) while I took a course on Curriculum Development. We were also richly blessed by the conference speaker Dr. Brown, president of Cedarville College. The fellowship with other missionaries was an added treat.

Here are some specific prayer requests: 1. 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. 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. Kathi and I will work to complete our Newsletters on a monthly basis. Thank you again for your prayers and encouragement.

10-15-20, Our Support Formula

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. Presently, Earl arranges teaching trips whenever funds are sufficiently saved to afford it. Because the African field requires about 6 months notice to

effectively schedule classes, getting 'plugged in' is delayed. Regularly scheduled months of teaching are the desired end that full support will allow.

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. This will complete our support needs and allow for consistently scheduled trips. 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

Africa Calls...

With Africa on our minds and hearts, I would like to introduce you to Pastor Prosper. Here is his testimony: "I have the conviction one day to attend church in a town called Kordze, a village in Togo, while at first just a church-goer. That day the sermon preached by the pastor turned my heart and I felt a big shame in my heart because of all that I have been doing in the desire of the eyes and the flesh. After the sermon the pastor throw an invitation, those who will give their lives to Christ, and I stepped forward that day to accept Christ. That is in July 1984. I eventually started attending prayer meeting and Bible studies as well because the strong zeal and eagerness to do that without the control of man. I was elected by the church as a children Sunday School teacher when I was 5 months in Christ. In eight months time I was teaching the adult class. Then missionary Pastor Washer came to the church to announce that those who had the call as a pastor should raise their hands. I raised my hand . One month later, when Pastor Washer returned, he arranged for me to attend the Bible Institute. After all this arrangement I was appointed by the church to be their leader and it happens that I pastured that church for 8 good years before I seek permission to return to my home town in Ghana because my children's education. By reaching my home town God led me to start house to house evangelism and eventually many souls have been won for Christ and this is how the Baptist church was planted at Tsilo, Ghana. After that God led me to Nyixe as one of my mission fields. Many have been won to Christ and through that God put it on my heart to start a school and adopt a "catch them young" strategy to help children come out from the bondage of Satan. I challenge you to assist me in prayer for the vision of the church as well as the school." Africa calls...



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