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Ministry Update

As I work at my computer from a motel room in Calgary, Alberta I am once again reminded of the goodness of the Lord this Thanksgiving Weekend. He has graciously kept us busy in ministry throughout this past month. Kathi began her 6th year of teaching at Muskoka Christian School. Lord willing, she will continue in this part time position until we are at or near full support. I continue to work on preparing Bible Courses.

We have travelled for weekend ministry to Bobcageon Baptist Church, Southend Baptist Church in Owen Sound, Riverside Baptist Church in Huntsville and Lyndock Baptist Church in Quadville.

We have once again enjoyed meeting new folks and fellowshiping with God's people throughout our beautiful country. The Lord has also blessed us with additional commitments to the support of this

ministry. We now stand at 55% of our support requirements.

Here are some specific prayer requests:

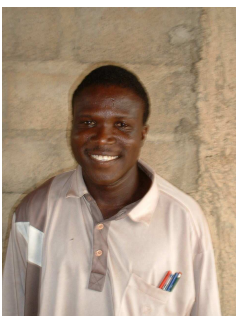
1. For Mission Presentation Meetings at churches in the fall (We are currently making contact with churches in North Western New York as well as New Brunswick. Earl's trip to Calgary for a nephews wedding also presented opportunity for more follow-up meetings.
2. For travel safety.
3. For wisdom as I 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.
4. 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

We continue to wait upon 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. Since our last Newsletter in September, our God has supplied additional support from three churches. We are excited to see God's people in Canada respond to the needs of the African churches. This surely is a testimony of our unity in Christ.

Africa Calls...



With Africa on our minds and hearts, I would like to introduce you to pastoral intern Kpobie Kouloung Yao: "I am born in an unbelieving family and I lived with my uncle since my childhood for my education. Because of his family he did not allow anyone to use Sunday for any activity. I thought "When I will be in college, far from him, I will be a Christian." But I did not know that to be a Christian means to receive Christ as Saviour. IN 1982, I was farming in Sokode region to get money for my scholarship. I had a book in which I read Psm 37:10 "A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look

for them, they will not be found.” I was filled with great fear of eternal condition if I die. But on Thursday, January 2, while I was reading Isaiah 53, I discovered that all what I know on Jesus was predicted. I believed with great fear and all my sins were known to me. I began to pray for my forgiveness of sins. Some days after my neighbour who was from Centrafrigue called me and said to me to pay attention, to not be so zealous, because some begin with strong zeal but they backslide after. Pray for me because it is true partially in my life. My devotion is not the same when I remember my first years in Christ.” Kpobie serves the Lord in a Baptist church in Kara, Togo and prepares for ministry by attending the Bible Institute in that city. He was recently married to his “all smiles” sweetheart. Africa calls...

Here is a Word in Season from Earl

There was an article in the Readers Digest a few years ago about a public school principal in a tough neighbourhood of Edmonton who turned the attitude of the students completely around. His method was not one of rebuke, but one of reward. He invented "honour rolls" for just about every imaginable achievement possible. As a result, practically every child had opportunity to be recognized for some achievement.

It would seem that once the students saw the principal as a passionate person as well as an authority figure, he was able to gain their confidence. In so doing he won the respect of the neighbourhood and his positive influence extended far beyond the school ground.

Our world needs to see the Lord God in that same way; not only as supreme in authority but also deep in passion. To do so the Lord has established His own "honour roll". The list begins in Hebrews 11 where God recognizes Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and many others. The criteria for making the honour roll is *faith* alone and the Lord makes it clear that the list is still being added to: "But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6).

Let all those who, by faith, have come to know Christ as personal Saviour and who by faith have

turned their attention to the will of God rather than self interest, know that He rewards. For all who have faced rebuke, ridicule, and even rejection because of the choice to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37), God has an honour roll that will last through eternity. Be reminded of these closing words of scripture: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Revelation 22:12)

The Lord calls each believer to take up his or her cross daily (Luke 9:23). For some this means heartache, for others, ceaseless care, and still others, great burden. Yet in all this, God ensures each Christian of this promise: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." (Hebrews 6:10). For this reason the attitude of the believer should always be as Paul's: "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

With God's honour list in view, let every committed Christian determine not to grow weary in well-doing!

Kathi's Notes:

I am greatly enjoying my small class of precious little girls in Kindergarten at Muskoka Christian School. Please pray that the Lord would bring more families to our school. At home, we miss our son David (almost as much as his dog does!) but we're so glad to hear how he has been responding to God's challenges from His Word at Pensacola Christian College. We delight to know that David is spending his free time sharing God's love by helping the community clean up after Ivan's visit. The school suffered some damage, but was very much protected compared to the rest of Pensacola. We praise the Lord that all the students safely survived the storm.