



# *SON-rise in Africa*

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### **Ministry Update**

January was a travel month for me [Earl] with flights to Edmonton, then Peace River, then Calgary and back to Edmonton. I was privileged to enjoy nine speaking/teaching engagements and the opportunity to spend meaningful time with three pastors. There was even time to drive to Banff and enjoy the Rocky Mountains with my niece and nephew for a day. The weather was great, the view spectacular and the fellowship unique. Apart from being at their wedding last Thanksgiving, I had not spent time with my family in the West for 20 years or more.

While in Banff National Park I met a fellow from Singapore named Christopher. We struck up a conversation, discovered we were brothers in Christ and had a prayer meeting out in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. Such is the joy of being in the family of God. Pray for Christopher, who desires to

### **Here is a Word in Season from Earl**

Captain Bligh was senior officer of the ship called the Bounty. The book "Mutiny on the Bounty" reveals Captain Bligh as quite a scoundrel. His leadership as captain inspired hatred and rebellion. However, in the sequel to "Mutiny on the Bounty" called "Men Against the Sea", Mr. Bligh and a few loyal officers were set adrift in a small open launch in the middle of the ocean. Captain Bligh led these 19 men 3600 miles to safety. That was a remarkable accomplishment in a small, unarmed launch. Here Captain Bligh didn't inspire hatred and rebellion; rather, his leadership inspired courage and confidence.

In all relationships and in every responsibility, great or small, there is potential to either inspire hatred and rebellion, or courage and confidence. The deciding factor is our attitude toward others. In his book called "The Marriage Builder", Dr. Lawrence Crabb suggests that people live out their lives either as manipulators, seeking their own self

get Bible training and serve the Lord, perhaps in Canada.

Our prayer requests continue to be:

1. For Mission Presentation Meetings at churches.
  2. For travel safety.
  3. For wisdom as Earl labours to put together a curriculum for West Africa.
  4. For wisdom as Earl continues to write College Courses and Study Guides.
  5. For Kathi as she continues teaching at Muskoka Christian School as well as prepares for her first trip with Earl to Africa this summer.
  6. For the Lord to provide the remainder of our committed support. Our desire is to see this completed by the end of 2005.
  7. For God's blessing as Earl teaches at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Ontario this month.
- Thank you again for your prayers and encouragement.

interest, or ministers, seeking to meet the needs of others.

Jesus addressed this very issue when he taught the disciples that their greatest impact in sharing His Gospel would come through following His example of servant leadership. Jesus said: "even the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). Christ's death on the cross as a substitute for man's sin-guilt was the supreme expression of servanthood.

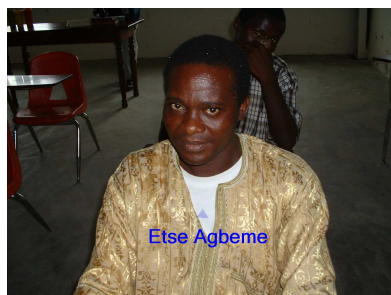
Servanthood hardly fits today's "I'm worth it" attitude; nevertheless, God's call to His people is just that: "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's [well-being]." (1 Corinthians. 10:24). In order to be free to minister to others in a way that will inspire confidence and courage, our own needs must be first met by the God of "living waters". As individuals come to Christ for His gift of eternal life, trusting in His sacrifice for their sins, they are

brought into a special relationship with God: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power (authority) to become the sons (children) of God, [even] to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). As God's children walk in obedience and trust before Him, God confirms His care and pleasure within their hearts, satisfying the deepest

needs. The result is freedom to minister rather than manipulate. Are you a Captain Bligh on the "Bounty," viewing all others as your servants, or a Captain Bligh "Against the Sea" viewing yourself as a servant to all with the task of bringing others to safety - in Christ?

### **Africa Calls...**

With Africa on our minds let me introduce you to Ghana Bible Institute student Lise Agbeme: "In 2000, I left my first church called Savior Church in Ghana. I decided not to go to any church again. There are three men from my village who are Baptists and I saw that they are faithful with church services. They go to studies



every month. Sometimes an important event will be going on but these three men would go to this study for three days. They were teaching one day and I wanted to challenge them but their teachings were good. They thought about how to go to heaven and I had no idea about it before. In 9<sup>th</sup> October 2002, I told my wife I will join the Baptist but she refused. Some months later she told me we should go to the Baptist church and in that month I lost my son. After the burial of my son, we joined the Baptist church. That Sunday their salvation message was clear and my wife and I accepted the Lord and we went to baptism classes and we were clear about how to get to heaven. And

upon our confession of Christ, we were baptized and became members in the Baptist church. And now I know I am saved and will lead others to the Lord. I thank God for saving my life and my wife's life. Now we are members of Emmanuel Baptist and I'm learning to become what God wants me to be in this world."

Africa calls....

### **10 - 9 -20, Our Revised Support Formula**

**The countdown continues.** ABWE releases its missionaries to full field ministry on the basis of committed support, by month, by quarter, or by year (as indicated by an Intent to Support Form). We now are waiting upon the Lord to burden 10 families from 9 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. In whatever way He chooses to provide, we are hopeful that the Lord will supply this by the end of 2005. 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.

### **Present Itinerary:**

February 15-18 2005 – Word of Life Bible Institute, Owen Sound, ON.

February 20 – Bethel Baptist Church, Orillia, ON.

February 27 – Bethel Baptist Church, Orillia, ON.

March 6 – Courtland Baptist, Courtland, ON.

April 17 – Springfield Baptist, Springfield, ON.

June – Aug – Teaching tour in Ghana, West Africa.

August 21-25 – Triple C Bible Camp, Simcoe ON.

Ministry trips to North West New York and New Brunswick are in the planning stage.

### **Air Miles Assistance**

*For those who have passed on your earned air miles to us, we thank you.*

If Air Miles have not interested you and yet you have occasion to receive Air Miles by shopping at such places as A&P Grocers, Shell Gas Stations, etc., you can help our travel costs by giving the attendant our Air Miles No. This is a completely legitimate way of supporting our ministry travel costs. We thank you for your consideration.

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