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Ministry Update

In this month when we celebrated the finished work of salvation on the cross of Calvary and the victory of the resurrection, March proved to be a month for finishing things up in ministry as well. Tentative Mission Conferences schedules were finalized, our June-August trip to Africa schedule was confirmed, and I was finally able to present and defend my Ph.D. dissertation during March break which concluded these studies. Defending the dissertation afforded us an opportunity to travel to Pensacola Christian College and visit our son, David, for a few days. He had just completed mid-term exams in his second year of the pastoral program. We were thrilled to hear of his involvement at a Saturday Christian service ministry where he and a fellow student had led several children to Christ!

Having secured the date for my dissertation defence, we were also able to proceed with scheduling additional church meetings. This soon filled our calendar right up to our June trip to Africa.

This last month of ministry was blessed with a young Bible Institute student as well as a pastor and wife expressing interest in seeking God's will for them regarding serving with ABWE in Africa. We were also blessed with one young man accepting Christ through a Sunday ministry opportunity.

The month ended with the joyful birth of our third grandson, Malakai Paul, to our daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Adam Leeder of Bracebridge.

God continues to enrich our lives through His Word and ministry opportunities. This present walk of faith has been so deeply rewarding that our hearts burst with the newness of joy often associated with resurrection hope.

Here is a Word in Season from Earl

In olden days, a ship had to wait for the flood tide before it could make it to port, The term for this situation was "ob portu", that is, a ship standing off port waiting for the single moment when it could ride the tide into harbour. The English word "opportunity" is derived from this meaning. The first Easter was just such a situation for mankind.

Says Spurgeon: "Christ longed for the cross as the goal of all His exertions. He could never say 'It is finished' on His throne: but on the cross He cried it. ... He paid your debt, and paid it all at once; so that there now remains not one farthing of debt owing from Christ's people to their God, except a debt of love.'

Jesus died. The crucifixion was no delusion, the piercing of his side with a spear was a most clear and evident proof that he was dead. His heart was pierced, and the blood and water flowed. As a dead man He was taken down from the cross and laid in Joseph's virgin tomb. No man in this world was ever more surely dead than he: 'He made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death.' As dead they laid Him in the place of the dead, with napkin and grave clothes, and spices fit for a grave. Then they rolled the great stone at the grave's mouth and left Him, knowing that He was dead.

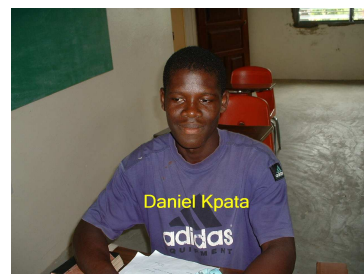
Then comes the grand truth, before the third sun, Jesus rose again. His body had not decayed for it was not possible for that holy thing to see corruption; but still He had been dead; and by the power of God -- by his own power, by the Father's power, by the power of the Spirit -- for it is attributed to each of these in turn, before the sun had risen His dead body was made alive. The silent heart began again to beat, and through the stagnant canals of the veins the life blood began to circulate. The soul of the Redeemer again took possession of the body, and it lived once more. There He was within the sepulchre, as truly living as to all parts of Him as He had ever been. He literally and truly, in a material body, came forth from the tomb to live among men till the hour of His ascension into heaven. This is the truth which is still to be taught, refine it who may,

spiritualize it who dare. This is the historical fact which the apostles witnessed, and martyrs bled and died. This is the doctrine which is the key-stone of the arch of Christianity, and they that hold it not have cast aside the essential truth of God. How can they hope for salvation for their souls if they do not believe that 'the Lord is risen indeed?'"

The First Easter, -a single tide by which man can approach God's harbour of life, now for each person, there is the "opportunity" to be saved.

Africa Calls...

Africa calls...."My name is Kapata Daniel. I am twenty-two. My father come from Adaklu-Kodzobi and my mother come from Adaklu-Goefe. My mother attends E. P. church of Goefe. But my father does not attend church. Though he is not a Christian, he always forced his children to go to church with their mother. So I go to church with my mother sometimes. After some time I stopped going to church with my mother. She pressed me but I was not pushed anymore to worship. At the age of sixteen a Baptist pastor came to my town to preach a word of salvation. And from his preaching I heard that no one can go to heaven without Jesus. When I go into myself I realize I am a sinner as the Bible said and I cannot save myself. I decided to give myself to Christ the Saviour and was baptized as a member of Rock of My Salvation church. Here I served the Lord until I completed my J.S.S. After completing my J.S.S. I came to Kadzobi to learn a trade. When I came to Kadzobi I directly entered Emmanuel Baptist Church and continue to serve the Lord. Now I am a Sunday School teacher and one of the leaders. So I think you should pray with me that God help me in the ministry as well as my daily job."... Africa calls



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We now stand at 71% of our committed support needs. Please continue to pray for God to use us as He wills during pre-field ministry and that He will give the hearts of His people a burden for training pastors in West Africa.

Present Itinerary:

April 7 – Southend Baptist, Owen Sound, ON

April 10 a.m. – Otterville Baptist, Otterville, ON

April 10 p.m. -- Central Baptist, Brantford, ON

April 17 – Springfield Baptist, Springfield, ON

April 24 – Fenelon Falls Baptist, Fenelon Falls, ON

May 1 – Bethel Baptist, Orillia, ON

Mat 8-15 – travel to Pensacola Christian College in Pensacola, FL for graduation ceremonies on May 11 and return with our son David for his summer employment in Muskoka

May 22 – Sinclairville Baptist Church, Sinclairville, NY

May 24-26 – ABWE 2005 Edge Seminars - Situational Leadership, Harrisburg, PA

May 29 – First Baptist Church, Sherman, NY

June 5 a.m. – Alta Vista Baptist Church, Ottawa, ON

June 5 p.m. – Lyndock Baptist Church, Eganville, ON

June 12 – Bethel Baptist Church, Orillia, ON

June – August – Teaching tour in Togo & Ghana, West Africa.

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

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