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Ministry Update...

As the summer months quickly pass, we are enjoying periodic time with family and friends. Our ministry has taken on a Canadian face even though the heat spells in Ontario remind me of Africa. From our home in Bracebridge the work of writing curriculum and the producing of manuals continues and Paul Rondeau of Washago is busily translating studies into French for the Togo pastors. These have also been busy months of weekend travel as our itinerary indicates. The stay at Triple C Bible camp for five days was a treat. The Bible conference on "All Things New" went well and our re-acquaintance with many of the folks at the camp was a blessing. Our trip to the Ontario northland now awaits us. Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement.

Kathi's Notes: As Earl has mentioned, we are 'baking' in Ontario these days and it certainly hasn't been in the kitchen! However, it isn't so tough when you can take a dip in the refreshing water of Healey Lake in the evening. Our upcoming trip along the Lake Superior shoreline is one of my favourite drives. We will have time between ministries for a short holiday and we hope to visit friends along the way. Have you ever read "Rosie's Walk"? It is one of the storybooks I have enjoyed reading with Drew & Caleb. In this story, a chicken takes a walk across the barnyard, oblivious to the fact that a fox is desperately trying to catch her. The fox is thwarted at every turn- much to the delight of young readers! I am glad to be a bit like Rosie, unaware of all the traps and plans that Satan lays out to try to snare me. I am secure and safe in God's hands. (*Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4*) Rosie's objective was to get to the henhouse for dinner; mine is to enjoy a wedding banquet in heaven.

Please pray with us...

1. For continued Mission Presentation Meetings at churches in Canada and the U.S.A.
2. For travel safety.
3. For wisdom as Earl labours with a team to put together a curriculum for the West Africa Baptist Theological Schools.
4. For wisdom as Earl continues to write College Courses and Study Guides.
5. For the Lord to provide the remainder of our committed support which now stands at 97%.
6. For God's blessing as Earl teaches the Word in Africa and in churches & schools across Canada & the U.S.A. while representing ABWE.
7. For Kathi as she gears up for another year of teaching at Muskoka Christian School.

Africa Calls...

Here is the testimony of Victor Quaye, a Bible College student from Ho, Ghana:
"Before I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour I loved to go to church at a very tender age. I also loved and took consolation in the Word of God anytime it was being preached, but I was not saved. There came a time in my life that I have no words to describe. I had problems upon problems, storms after storms, tortures after



tortures, and failures after failures. And it was all never ceasing. What could have happened if I acted contrary is that already I was left to die in my illness by my relatives. So I would have committed a crime to be put into prison. I have a brother who is deceased. During his life he had a Christian book which he left behind. So during one of the fiercest moments, I reached out for the book. The book is about the life of Christ. I began to read it as a way of calming me down. Before I had read to the middle pages I was kind of healed



from the inside part of me. I also discovered that all of the storms that I was going through were the very work of the Devil. It was only by giving my life to Christ and accepting Him as personal Lord and Saviour by faith that I would be saved. So I prayed and asked for forgiveness of my sins and yielded up my whole life to Christ and depended upon Him only to see me through these storms of life. There I realized that the truth from the book had given me peace of mind. Though the problems that I had did not roll away in a day, I have learned to depend on God's promises to overcome them. Today I can confidently say that Christ is my Saviour." Victor is presently conducting children's Bible classes among villages where there are no churches. Africa calls...

Present Itinerary:

Aug 2 - Calvary Gospel - Blind River, ON
Aug 6 – Marathon Baptist, Marathon, ON
Aug 10-11 – Windsor – officiate at a wedding
Aug 13 – Fellowship Baptist, Bobcaygeon.
Aug 27 – Riverside Baptist, Huntsville.
Sept 1-6 – Pensacola trip (Earl is returning David to school).
Sept. 5- Back to school for Kathi
Sept 9 – Home BBQ for local supporters.
Sept. 17 - Calvary Gospel - Blind River, ON

Sept 22-24 – First Baptist, Timmins, ON - Leadership Seminars.
Oct 22 – Central Baptist, Brantford, ON
Oct 27-28 – Men of Honour Conference, First Baptist Church, Waterloo, ON
Oct 29 – First Baptist Anniversary Services, Waterloo.
Nov. 3 – Dec. 4 – teaching in Africa
Dec. 10 – Otterville Baptist, Otterville, ON

Here's a Word in Season from Earl

In the original story from Arabian Nights, Aladdin was not nearly as sharp as the Aladdin of the recent children's movie. The original lad, after discovering the secret of a magic lamp and a magic ring, chose to continue in poverty and hunger even though unlimited wealth was a wish away. That pattern is lived out in countless lives every day by Christians who have man's most precious possession - salvation, yet neglect its sustaining value.

Peter addressed the great wealth of salvation in these words: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV) Consider the sustaining value of the three treasures of salvation mentioned here.

First there is the treasure of awakening to a living hope. Religions seek to offer the hope of good morals, strong disciplines, or ordered living, but they are as dead as their leaders. Salvation in Christ is a new hope within, the operating presence of a risen, living Saviour: "God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27 NIV)

Second, there is the treasure of gaining of a lasting inheritance. This inheritance is all the glory of the eternal kingdom, a joy of which will never grow stale but become newer every day. This inheritance is so spectacular that man cannot wrap his mind around it, therefore God just described it in terms of what it is not; it is untouchable by enemies, unstainable by sin, and unimpaired by time. The Lord also describes the environment of this inheritance in terms of absences; no pain, no sorrow, no separation, no death (see Revelation 21:1-4).

Third, salvation's treasure is to be kept by a limitless protection. Although salvation's ultimate end is still a drawn curtain, God's guarantee that not one of His own will miss the debut is so sure that He speaks of it as already complete. The believer's safekeeping is so certain that Christ has already prepared a home, specifically designed with each child in view (See John 14:1-3), and the dinner table is already set for the feast (see Luke 14:15-24).

Aladdin remained in a state of poverty until love got hold of his heart and caused him to pursue the riches at his disposal. Should not God's love turn the Christian's attention to the riches of salvation as well: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1). Christian friend, don't ignore your greatest riches!

Air Miles Assistance

Thanks to air miles assistance we are close to gaining a free trip to West Africa. For those who have passed on your earned air miles to us, we thank you. You can help our travel costs by using our Air Miles number. This is a practical way of supporting our ministry travel costs. We thank you for your consideration.

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