



Son-rise in Africa Newsletter
CHURCH PLANTING THROUGH THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
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Ministry Update...

Trinidad blessings were my September delight. This was my first trip to the fair island located 7 miles off the Venezuela coast. Opportunity was afforded me not only to teach at the Seminary but to share the Word at a number of churches. The folks were so gracious and hospitable, despite my challenge with the pronunciation of names and my difficulty with the oppressive heat and humidity. I was privileged as well to participate in a Youth Rally with over 150 teens in Bible quiz competition and preaching challenges. The event was very well organized and a real blessing to see so many teens on fire for the Lord.

The month closed with weekend ministries in two Ontario supporting churches in Hanover and Espanola. With each ministry there were expressions of interest and commitment to local and world missions for which we thank our God. The 'fall' travel in Ontario was also a special blessing with beautiful scenery transforming with the onset of fall colours. We are so blessed. Thank you for your continued prayers for the ministry.

Here is a Word in Season from Earl (see our website for daily devotionals)

Believing Creation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." These first words of Scripture, when taken literally, offer an explanation for the origin of the universe and all it contains, "making no apology for the fact that the account involves supernatural creation *ex nihilo*, creation of something from nothing." It is this clear claim of supernatural creation that prompts many today to doubt the integrity of the Bible, due to the wide acceptance of evolutionary theory. "Evolution is not now confined to biological evolution, to which Darwin's name is attached, but has become an ideology that extends onto virtually every area of human activity, including politics." (Quotes: Ian Taylor, "In The Minds of Men: Darwin and the New World Order").

The general public has been kept from the fact that there are gaping holes in the theory of evolution. Attempts to plug these holes have been repeatedly made by scientists in re-defining and reinterpreting the scientific evidence. For instance, in order for evolutionary theory to stand, the earth age must be in excess of billions of years, yet so many observable facts deny this possibility. Scientists know that the sun's constant source of energy is in conflict with old-earth theory. At first this was explained by "sun contraction" under its own gravitation. When this proved to support a young earth, the theory was dropped for a nuclear fusion theory. However, in view of the fact that billions of years of sun's nuclear fusion would bath the earth in subatomic particles called neutrinos, and that there is no evidence of these particles, this theory also was abandoned. The rotation of the sun and the earth, comet age, missing radiogenic helium, stalagmite and stalactite formation, oil well pressure, and even earth population growth, all point to a very young earth. These points are only a small representation of "holes" in one area of evolutionary theory - "earth age." When other areas such as fossil records, geological formations, species propagation etc. are examined, more "holes" become evident.

God explained man's inclination to turn away from Him over 2000 years ago: "For since the creation of the world His [God's] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and

changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- --and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things." (Romans 1:20-23). Man would sooner believe a lie, even when the evidence is against it, than acknowledge the existence of God, because to acknowledge God's existence is to accept accountability. Scripture declares: "It is appointed unto men once to die, and then the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). The Bible says God created and God will judge, have you considered the implications of this?

Kathi's Notes: The first weeks of a new school year involve much repetition in setting routines in Kindergarten. We have practiced fire drills, learned where to put outdoor shoes, how to go up and down stairs, where to line up after recess, when to speak, how to sit, which blue box paper goes into, ... On top of that, there have been academic lessons learned. We all go home exhausted at the end of the day! However, progress is evident and things are beginning to settle down. It is a joy this year to have our grandson, Kai, in the JK class. These will be days to treasure! Last week both Kai and a SK boy had the angels in heaven rejoicing. Their parents had the joy of showing them the way of salvation in Jesus Christ. What an answer to prayer that is! We are looking forward to having all the family together for Thanksgiving. It will be Earl's first time home in 5 years and Dave & Aleece's first Thanksgiving with us. My sister and her family will come, too. It has been a year since we found out she had breast cancer. We are especially thankful that she is having a good recovery following surgery and chemo. Psalm 117: 1, 2—"Praise the LORD, all nations; Laud Him all peoples! For His lovingkindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the Lord!"

Present Itinerary:

Please pray for God's blessings as we complete our 2009 schedule.

Fellowship Baptist, Parry Sound, ON: Oct. 4

First Baptist, Cochrane, ON: Oct. 18

Southend Baptist, Owen Sound, ON: Oct. 25

Otterville Baptist, Otterville, ON: Nov. 1

Central Baptist, Brantford, ON: Nov. 8

Bethel Baptist, Orillia, ON: Nov. 15

Teaching tour in India: Nov. 20 - Dec. 6

Please pray with us...

1. For effective teaching where God leads. Our prayer is to labour in the Spirit's power to bring understanding to the pastors and equip them to teach their own people.
2. For travel safety during Earl & Kathi's continued travels in 2009.
3. For preparation of the studies for India (November), and Cameroon early in the new year.
4. For our monthly support shortfall – now approximately \$180.
5. For ministry opportunities in Canada and U.S. as we continue ministering in 2009 and planning 2010.

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