



***Son-rise Around the World Newsletter***  
**CHURCH PLANTING THROUGH THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**  
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**Earl's Ministry Update...**

We rejoice in the great opportunity we had this month to introduce one of our African Pastors to a few churches in Quebec and Ontario. Joseph Akakpo, GAP- ABWE missionary stayed two weeks each with Tim & Barbara Vermilyea (Quebec) and ourselves while sharing his "Parents and Youth" ministry and interim pastoral ministry in Togo. Joseph came to know the Lord in 1983 through our ABWE ministries in Togo. He was trained in our mission school in Togo, has served the Lord in Cameroon with AWANA and has now returned to Togo as an ABWE missionary. Joseph was a delight to have with us. His passion for the Lord and for people along with his good humour was very uplifting. Although the travels for the month were extensive, the ministry was deeply rewarding. My only regret was that I could not schedule him to share with all our supporting churches!



I would ask you to pray regarding a challenging situation in our ministry. The ABWE Canada Cameroon Seminary Fund is depleted. This lack of funds will affect the plans for the September semester and will also result in the probable cancellation of the scheduled pastor's conference. Please pray that the Lord would provide some funds before September to enable whatever ministry He desires to be accomplished. I know the deficit will be a disappointment to Dr Simon Mvondo (Seminary President) and his faculty; however, I am confident in their faith in the Lord and His grace to meet their needs. Please pray for the staff of the school as the Lord leads them through yet another trial.

**Here is A Word in Season by Earl**

"Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin"-- these were the words written on the wall of the palace of King Belshazzar, king of Babylon. The words struck terror into the heart of all, not only because a finger materialized to mark the text, but because of what the text meant for the nation: "This [is] the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." (Daniel 5).

The people of Babylon had become proud of their accomplishments and indulgent with their prosperity. Despite the pleading of Godly people such as Daniel, in their pursuit of self interest they completely rejected the moral and ethical values of the living and true God. Consequently, He was about to end their glory!

Canada needs to see the same handwriting on the wall. In our prosperity and pride we, too, have abandoned the living and true God. What a mockery of God's values our nation indulges in! We put tax money into abortions and set murderers free; we pass laws that forbid hunting as a way of life for those who want to remain independent; we supply needles for drug addicts; we financially favour single parents and common-law marriages but penalize moms that choose to stay home to raise their kids. We give great media attention to the small minority of homosexuals and, when responsible government acts according to the majority will in denying same sex benefits, we magnify the gay community crying "shame" to the politicians. Where is "shame" before God?

Perhaps these words of scripture might provoke a sense of sober thinking and shame: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent. Therefore, as tongues of fire lick up straw and as dry grass sinks down in the flames, so their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel." (Isaiah 5 NIV).

If our nation of Canada is to find peace and prosperity again, then a response to the handwriting on the wall is in order: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

**Kathi's Notes:** Did you hear the news? I thought you may have heard my cry of delight—Naomi Elizabeth Rose Leeder was born on June 6, our first grand-daughter after 6 wonderful boys. She is loved by all and is a most welcome addition to the family ☺ . I am slowly winding down from an amazing year of teaching (all 9 students have made professions of faith!), and at the same time making plans for next year's class. More students coming has resulted in a move to a larger classroom—tell me, why do teachers keep so many 'treasures'? All the better to teach, my dear! We recently enjoyed a quick trip to David and Aleece's to attend their dedication to raise Eric in a God-pleasing manner, a very special time enriched by Aleece's parents' visit from Washington. A week of family time is planned before Minne & Michele and boys leave for Lisbon on August 16—I'll be storing up memories for the future. I'm not allowing myself to think too much about their actual departure at this point; much too emotional! Please pray for them as they continue to down-size and make preparations to leave Brantford and for our family as the time comes. "This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it"

### **Present Itinerary**

Family Holiday – Aug 1-12

Minne & Michele, Drew & Caleb leave for ministry in Portugal – August 16

**Teaching Tour in Cameroon: September/October**

**Teaching Tour in India: November**

First Baptist Mission Conference, Waterloo: November 26-27

### **Please pray with us...**

1. For the Lord to supply for the ABWE Canada-Cameroon Seminary Fund
2. 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.
3. For the Lord to provide teachers to meet the growing need throughout the world.
4. That Earl might know how to better challenge God's people to consider preparation for missionary teaching.
5. For preparation of the studies for the coming year and the writing of books on Stewardship and Depression – this is a work in progress!
6. For our monthly support shortfall. The economic slowdown has resulted in a reduction of some of our support commitment. At present we are \$197 per month short of full support.
7. For ministry opportunities in Canada and U.S.
8. For ABWE Missionaries in pre-field ministry that the Lord would supply their support needs.
9. For the Lord to multiply the Good Soil Evangelism & Discipleship ministry training across Canada.

### **Praise the Lord...**

...for His provision that allows us to continue serving in West Africa and India.

...for the wonderful blessings and safe travels with Joseph Akakpo

...for His care for our family members, both physically and spiritually.

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