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Earl's Ministry Update...

Although we scheduled July to be weekend ministry free (with the exception of a mission report at our home church), we have spent time arranging Earl's September teaching trip to Cameroon. Flight plans, visa applications, student study guides, pastor's conference, chapel services and a month of preaching at various churches throughout Cameroon make for a busy schedule with no prep time once in Cameroon. The weekend breaks allowed for some property work that was long past due as well. August is going by all too fast. Our family spent time together in play, work, travel and simply enjoying fellowship in Christ. Our hearts were moved as we saw the faith of the Bouma's in reducing their earthly possessions to 12 suitcases with a determination to start fresh in serving Christ in Portugal. On the 16th Minne, Michele, Andrew and Caleb departed for Portugal. The last two days of their stay with us were filled with sad goodbyes and prayers, yet the Lord was faithful in all and they have safely arrived in Lisbon (although their luggage did not arrive with them as yet). Please pray for their language studies and adjustment to a new culture.

In final preparation for the Cameroon Seminary and ministry to pastors in Cameroon, I repeat my request of last month 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 may 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

"They say that man is mighty, he governs land and sea, He wields a mighty sceptre on lower powers than he, But mightier power and stronger, man from his throne has hurled, for the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world". (Anonymous).

The world recognizes the value of a good mother, but is very much confused by a definition of one. God's Word identifies the necessary qualities of a good wife and mother both by example and exhortation. Proverbs 31 identifies some of the basic attributes and responsibilities with which God has marked godly wives and mothers. God share these with a view to challenging Christian women to fulfil their responsibilities in His power.

God marks the queen of the home with the Crown of a Dependable Wife. She cares for her husband: "Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. (Proverbs 31:11-12 NIV). She cares for children: "She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar." (Proverbs 31:14 NIV). Through industrious and enterprising activity she helps meet her families needs. Because of her living faith her family is prepared for trouble, she plans and builds a wall of protection for her family: "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet." (Proverbs 31:21 NIV).

The godly wife/mother also cares for herself by keeping mentally, physically and spiritually fit: "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks... She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." (Proverbs 31:17,25 NIV). She keeps herself attractive by caring for her God-given beauty: "She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple." (Proverbs 31:22 NIV).

Unlike Job's wife who lost sight of God through the tragedy that befell their family, the queen of the home who conscientiously wears God's crown of a dependable wife will bring blessing. Such mothers have their own reward. Abraham Lincoln said: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother"; Benjamin West said "A kiss from my mother made me a painter". Of godly women, the Lord said: "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:" (Proverbs 31:28 NIV).



Kathi's Notes: The summer has been filled with much activity centring on family and friends. I had a shopping trip to Birch Run/ Frankenmuth, MI with an 'old' friend. Thanks, Lorraine, for the good fun and enough laughter to keep me going for weeks. Early August all our children/grandkids were here, so the house was lively. Again, lots of fun and laughter! We've used the lake to good advantage to keep cool and the weather has been terrific. A day of rain provided a movie day in our improvised 'home theatre'. Extended family/friends came one sunny Saturday to say good-bye to Michele's family. "A perfect day" was enjoyed as we went to the Round Ranch, followed by McD's ice cream cones and time at the splash pad in Orillia. In view of a forecast week of rain, our camping trip was altered to a week at a cottage thanks to our Oxbow Lake friends. The Lord has given our family bountiful blessings; indeed we are overflowing with thankfulness this summer. Now I focus on preparing a different classroom for the new school year; a 50% increase in enrolment in Kindergarten has meant a room change—lots to do before September arrives!

Present Itinerary

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.

Praise the Lord...

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

...for special times with family and friends.

...for easy communication with those far away.

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