



Tuombe - Let Us Pray

Jn 15:7 "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."



CHURCH of GOD MINISTRIES



Praise God – We are Fully Funded and Headed to Kenya!!!

To the Land He Showed Us

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from you relatives, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you...so that you can be a blessing...and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-3 [NASB]

Over the years, scholars and Bible students have argued the value of the Old Testament as compared to the New Testament. Some have argued that the New Testament is all that is needed since it accurately conveys the message of Jesus and salvation. While this may be true, there are critical concepts such as the character of God and the reason that a New Testament was required that are missing if the Old Testament is neglected. For example it is in Genesis that we find the start of relationship between God and humanity. It is in Genesis that we find the reason for the current state of affairs with humanity as odds with God, with itself, and with creation. It is in Genesis 3:14-15, that we see the first hints of the coming of Jesus.

The scripture above is another example of these "critical concepts." If you ask most people where God's missionary endeavor began, most will point to the Great Commission or the Acts Commission (Acts 1:8). However, I would argue that the extent of God's plan is demonstrated right in Genesis 12 with the call of Abram. This is especially true in vs. 3 where God purposes that "all of the families of the earth will be blessed." This is another allusion to Jesus, for it was through Abram that the Messiah would eventually come. Perhaps John Stott surmised the best answer to these



The Baylors: Michael, David, Bonnie, Joshua

questions when he said:

the Bible is a missionary book, because the God of the Bible is a missionary God.

UPDATE:

Well, it has finally happened. Like Abram, our journey began with the call of God to do something different, to go someplace different, and to go to the land that He would show us. He showed us the land of Kenya and it has been a long journey, over 10 years. Now, thanks to the faithfulness of God and the faithfulness of His people, the time we have been praying for has finally arrived. We are now fully funded and Global Missions has given us permission to establish a departure date. If all of the final details come together as planned, we will board the plane during the week of June 4, 2010. When we first heard it from Bob Edwards and the Global Missions team, we could hardly believe it.

Now that reality has sunk in, there is still much work to be done for us to meet our target date and we will need every bit of prayer we can get to have everything come together. To give you an idea of the myriad details that need to be worked out, here is just a small part of the list:

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Prayer Requests

- 🌿 Pray that God will give us the strength to complete all of the necessary tasks prior to departure.
- 🌿 Pray that God will strengthen and comfort us as we begin saying goodbye to friends and family.
- 🌿 Pray for God's hand of comfort and strength for those we are leaving here in the US.
- 🌿 Pray that *Christian Women Connection™* will be able to find the right person to take my place in the Mailroom.
- 🌿 Pray that we will be able to depart on time and arrive safely in Kenya.
- 🌿 Pray that funding for Rod & Jan Dormer (KIST Principal-elect & Instructor) and Ernie & Lori Nicholas (Instructor & Campus Nurse) will come in quickly.

Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for His faithfulness in providing full funding.
- 🌿 Praise God for a great time and safe trip to Denver and Rocky Ford, CO.



physical exams for everyone, updates on immunizations, packing for Kenya, sorting what we get rid of versus what we will store, getting visas, updating our will, selling our van, moving to the missionary apartments in mid-May, and the list goes on and on. Pray that we will have the strength to get all of this completed in a timely fashion and that we will not hit any unexpected snags.

While the task list may appear to be overwhelming, the hardest part will be saying goodbye to so many people. Naturally, the most difficult goodbyes will be with family. During the weekend of May 23rd, we will be visiting with our families for some time before our departure for 2 years. Pray that God will bless our time together and grant us traveling mercies as we go to southern Indiana and central Illinois.

Other goodbyes will be equally difficult. Joshua and Michael will be saying goodbye to their two best friends who live next door. Our dog Ginger, who is 12 years old and would not survive the transition to Africa, will be finding new home with Bonnie's sister. David will be leaving his job of 5 years at *Christian Women Connection*TM. Bonnie will be saying farewell to her many friends that she has made through church and the homeschool group. One of the things about missionary life is that you always seem to be saying goodbye to someone, something, or someplace. Though these are exciting times, they are very emotional times as well. Pray that we will get time to deal with these losses as we gain so many new things. Pray especially for Joshua and Michael since this will be the most extensive life change they have ever experienced.

With all that said, we are very excited. God has already done great things to bring us this far and we know He has much more in store. As we traverse these final steps in the US, we are convinced that we are going where He is leading. Yet, we are confident because we do not go alone and we are simply following in the foot steps of the Lord who has already been there before us. Jesus has called us all to His Great Commission, but He has not abandoned us to carry out the task alone - never alone. He never asks us to do anything that He has not already done or go where is has not already been.

And be sure of this: I am with you always even to the end of the age. - Mt 28:20 [NLT]

God willing, our next newsletter will be sent from Kenya!

For God's Church in Africa,

Dave, Bonnie, Joshua, & Michael
Baylor

What is the Exchange Rate and what do things cost in Kenya?

- ❖ Kenyan money is based on the Kenyan Shilling [KSH]
- ❖ \$1 US = ~70 KSH
- ❖ Gasoline: 94 KSH/L (\$5.12/gal)
- ❖ Cell Phone: 6300 KSH/mo (\$90/mo)
- ❖ Internet: 5600 KSH/mo (\$80/mo)
- ❖ Bread: 35KSH (\$0.50)
- ❖ Milk: 23 KSH/L (\$1.26/gal)



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Start Up - 100%



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