



# 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



*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned to the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone."*  
*Lk 4:1-4 (NASB)*

For many of us, this Scripture is very familiar, with a parallel passage in the Gospel of Matthew. Here we see Jesus, being tempted by the devil. For years I have read this passage, usually focusing on Jesus' temptation to misuse His power - to take the easy way out. This is especially true in the second temptation where Satan offers a way for Jesus to assume an earthly throne, bypassing the cross and the grave. Yet, the more I have thought about this Scripture, the more it seems that the issue may be even more subtle. If we look at the temptation of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, what do we see? The crux of Satan's argument is based on the God's trustworthiness. Can God be trusted? Unfortunately for Adam and Eve, and all of us, they chose to trust themselves more than God. In contrast, Jesus, as the Son of God and the new Adam, passed this test. He trusted God to provide for His needs. He trusted God to glorify Him when the time was right. He trusted God to do what He said He would do.

This is the same question that each of us faces everyday. Will we trust God to be God? Over the past year, we have been confronted with this question over and over. Satan whispers, "If God has really called you, why has the support not



The Baylors: Bonnie, David, Joshua, Michael

come in more quickly?" In other words, can we trust God or not? The struggle at times has been keen, but by remembering how God has been faithful to bring us this far, we have always been able to answer in the affirmative. We are just as convinced of God's calling to Africa today as we were four years ago when this journey began. And God continues to prove Himself trustworthy each day.

The second week of July 2009, God provided a prime example of what He will do if we just trust Him. Since May 2009, our fund raising seemed to be stalled. Funds from our committed support base were coming in, but we could not seem to add any new supporters. Bonnie and I, along with all of Global Missions, were praying that there would be a breakthrough at the 2009 North American Convention. Convention came and went and nothing seemed to happen. Then, within a period of 5-6 days, the Lord brought in over \$14,000 in new Living Link and Start-Up funds. We praise God for the faithfulness of people like Dale and Jan Terrill, Ann Smith, and Bernice Falls. We would also like to welcome Stringtown Church of God -Covington, IN, Cedar Creek Church of God - Greenville, TN, and Darlene Detwiler to our Living Link team.

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### Prayer Requests

- 🌿 Pray that God will raise up the partners needed to provide the finances for us to get to Kenya.
- 🌿 Pray for Dr. Ron and Alta-Ruthe Jack to have a smooth transition into their new assignment as Interim-Principal of KIST.
- 🌿 Pray for Don and Chris Smith as they transition back to the US.
- 🌿 Pray that God will be preparing our family for the transition to Africa and KIST.
- 🌿 Pray for our departure preparations - Pre-field training, David's ordination, Packing.

### Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for His faithfulness. He is trustworthy.
- 🌿 Praise God for funds that He has provided and continues to provide.
- 🌿 Praise God for all of the new relationships and contacts we have established as result of the 2009 NAC.



As Fall approaches, our schedule is beginning to fill up. In August, please pray for us as we visit the Michigan State Camp Meeting in St. Louis, MI and Stringtown Church of God in Covington, IN. In September, please pray for us as we visit Burlington Church of God - Burlington, MI.

In addition to itineration, we are preparing our house for our departure. It is hard to believe how much stuff a family collects over the years. David is spending time focusing on completion of the ordination process with a target date of October 2009. Pray that David will be able to complete his work prior to our departure. We are also trying to determine the best time for our pre-field cross-cultural training. Please pray that God will show us the best timing for this training.

Exciting things are also happening in the broader world. On July 25, 2009, KIST celebrated graduation. Twenty-seven new graduates from Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Tanzania received their diplomas. It was an exciting time with church leaders visiting from Germany, Rwanda, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

The next few months will also be a time of change for KIST. Don and Chris Smith

will be returning to the US for home assignment at the end of August and Dr. Ron Jack, with his wife Alta-Ruthe, will be assuming the role of Interim Principal for the next 11 months. Please pray that the transition will be smooth for KIST and all involved.

Once again, we just want to thank you for your continued prayers and support. Know that you are loved and that, as with Paul, every time we think of you, we give thanks to God for your partnership with us.

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, & Michael Baylor

### Kenya Facts

Capital: Nairobi

Population: 39 million (42% < 14 yrs)

Languages: English, Kiswahili

Major Tribes: Kikuyu 22%, Luhya 14%, Luo 13%, Kalenjin 12%, Kamba 12%, Kisii 6%, Other 21%.

Government: Representative Constitutional Democracy w/ Freedom of Religion

Religion: Christianity 78% (Protestant 45%, Roman Catholic 33%); Muslim 10%; Trad. Beliefs & Other 12%

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Faculty Meetings  
Preparing for the New Semester



Faculty and Students Worshipping during  
Weekly Chapel

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