



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



Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get Up! Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son." - Matthew 2:13-15(NASB)

As we enter the 2009 Advent season, we will once again be focusing on the Christmas stories found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Most of the details regarding Jesus' early life are captured by Luke - The announcement to Mary, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the proclamation to shepherds, and the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. But, Matthew covers two events in Jesus' early life that are noted no where else - the visit of the Magi and the Flight to Egypt. Many have focused on the Magi in an attempt to understand who they were and while they were included in the divine account. Thus, I want to look at the Flight to Egypt instead.

Most of the time, when we think of Jesus, we think of Him as growing up and ministering in Israel. Yet Matthew's account makes it clear that Jesus spent at least some His formative years in Egypt, on the continent of Africa. Other than the fact the Jesus spent time in Egypt, none of details of His time there have been preserved. What we can deduce from the historical record is Jesus probably spent one year and maybe as many as



The Baylors: Bonnie, David, Joshua, Michael

six or seven years in Egypt, awaiting the death of Herod in 4 A.D. Thus, in modern terms, He is what we would call a third culture kid (TCK). This refers to a person who spends a significant part of their formative years in a culture other than the culture of their parents. The results of this exposure place the TCK in a unique position. The TCK grows up under the influence of their parent's culture and the culture where they are living creating a mixture that is neither. In Jesus' case, at least from a human standpoint, His parents were Jewish and the culture where He was living was Egyptian. The net result for the TCK is that their worldview is different than either, presenting both opportunities and challenges.

In terms of opportunities, TCKs tend to have a much broader view of the world and they tend to be more open-minded. In terms of challenges, because of the fact that they are part of no one particular culture, they can feel like they do not fit anywhere. These are some of the opportunities and challenges that Joshua and Michael will face as we move to Kenya. But, being a TCK himself, I have to believe that Jesus has special place in Him heart for all TCKs. Please pray that Jesus will be very close to them during this time of transition. Also, please pray

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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 that Jesus will be very close our boys, Joshua and Michael, as they transition to Kenya and become TCKs.
- 🌿 Pray that God will make our departure timing very clear and give us patience as we wait on Him.
- 🌿 Pray for relief from the ongoing drought in many parts of Africa, especially in Tanzania and Kenya.

Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for funds that He has provided and continues to provide.
- 🌿 Praise God for each person touched through the ministries of KIST.
- 🌿 Praise God the Tanzanian Church of God and the 50 years of ministry bringing glory to God.



that Bonnie and I will be extra sensitive to their needs. While Bonnie and I know that Joshua and Michael will face some challenges we never faced growing up, we are also excited about the experiences that await them and, as with everything else, we are trusting God to bring us through it.

At KIST, God is still at work and many exciting things are happening. As a part of the outreach ministries of KIST, the students travel to the surrounding villages to minister on the weekends. During a recent visit to Kitale, fifteen students and faculty held evangelistic services and participated in door-to-door evangelism. The response was positive and many new souls came into the Kingdom. Financially, times are tough and enrollment has been down, but God still works through His people and the Kingdom is being built.

Elsewhere in Africa, the Tanzanian Church of God celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. It was a very exciting time with representatives attending from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Sudan. Other guests included Stan and Marion Hoffman (pioneers in the Tanzanian work), Colleen Stevenson (daughter of Stan and Marion), John and Kathe Matlock, Sherman Critser (RC Africa), and Bob Edwards (GM Coordinator). A great time was had by all remembering all that God has done and anticipating what is yet to come.

As we approach the Christmas season, we are praising God for His ever present comfort and strength. Fund-raising has been slowing down as the holidays

approach, but we are in the process of setting new dates for after the New Year. Please let us know if you have any contacts, individuals or churches, that might be interested in supporting what God is doing in Africa. We would love to share the vision God has given us for training leaders for His Church in Africa.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Immanuel has come and He is with us!

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, and Michael Baylor

Third Culture Kids (TCKs) Who Are They?

- Traveling is way of life - Spend more time in the airport than home.
- Culturally Astute - Aware of and able to blend into other cultures. TCKs tend to be cultural bridge makers.
- Speak more than one language.
- Establish relationships quickly.
- Broad Minded with multiple frames of reference.
- Generally, more mature in social skills and in interacting with adults.
- Very accepting of others.



Tanzania Church of God Celebrating 50 Years



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