



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



God is Doing a New Thing at KIST

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert...for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. Isaiah 43:18-19, 20b-21 NRSV

This excerpt is part of much longer series of prophecies running from chapter 40 through chapter 48. Isaiah is prophesying about Israel's distant future. He is declaring not only the judgment of God for all of the years of Israel's pride and arrogance, but also His glorious redemption after the God's justice had been satisfied. Beyond all understanding, God was going to punish Israel under the boot of the Babylonians, during which time, the Israelites would again face exile far from home. But, God was not through with them yet. Despite their unfaithfulness, God promised a second exodus that would eclipse the first Exodus from Egypt. It is this new Exodus that Isaiah is describing in Isaiah 43:19.

Just as God was breathing new life into Israel, God is breathing new life in Kima International School of Theology (KIST). Over the past few years, KIST has gone through many struggles and changes. In late 2007 and early 2008, political unrest shook Kenya to its foundations. Amid conflicting claims of political victory, riots throughout the Kisumu area came right to the very walls of KIST. Fortunately, there were no direct losses in people or material goods. However, due



The Baylors: Bonnie, David, Joshua, Michael

to the chaos that ensued, some of which is still yet to be resolved, some students found it difficult to return.

Next, as we are all painfully aware, a worldwide economic crisis shook the world in the fall of 2009. Led by the collapse of the banking industry in the US, markets around the world dropped precipitously leaving no one untouched. KIST was no exception. With donations down and enrollment down due to students not being able to afford tuition, KIST has faced some of its most challenging financial times in its history over the past several months.

In addition to this, the economy has also caused a delay in the availability of replacement personnel. As you know, we were commissioned at the 2008 NAC with a target of being on the ground in Kenya by September 2009. However, due to a variety of circumstances, the economic downturn not least, we have been delayed as it has taken longer than expected to raise funds. However, God was not surprised by any of this. He has a plan and it will be carried out in His timing.

As you some of you may have heard, KIST is undergoing a major personnel change over the course of the next year. With

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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 God will provide the funding needed for Ernie & Lori Nicholas and Rod & Jan Dormer.
- 🌿 Pray for smooth transition of roles at KIST.
- 🌿 Pray that God will begin, even now, to meld the new KIST team into a strong cohesive group with Christ's glory as our singular goal.

Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for funds that He has provided and continues to provide.
- 🌿 Praise God for all the work that He has done through the ministries of Don & Chris Smith and Rebecca Pierce.
- 🌿 Praise God that He can see the big picture, even when we cannot.
- 🌿 Praise God that He has great plans for KIST that are just now beginning to be revealed.



Don Smith, and his wife Chris, returning home after a successful seven year assignment as principal, Rod Dormer, and his wife Jan, will be assuming the role of principal in the summer of 2010. During the interim, Ron Jack, accompanied by his wife Alta Ruthe, have been serving as acting principal.

In addition to the Dormers, four more changes are pending. As of January 31st, Jeff and Lisa Baltse are residing on the KIST compound. Jeff and Lisa are coming to KIST after serving in the area of community development in Zambia. Jeff will be assuming the role of Academic Dean. Ernie and Lori Nicholas will also be joining the team later this year (as soon as their funding comes in). Ernie and Lori have been serving in the pastorate in Iowa over the past several years. Ernie will be coming in an instructor in the residential programs and Lori will be taking over as campus nurse with Rebecca Pierce returning home in spring 2010. Finally, we will hopefully be taking our place in late spring 2010, as David takes on the role of Director of the KIST Extension Program.

As you can see, God has assembled a great team. We believe that He has done this because He has great plans for KIST and its influence on the continent of Africa. For several months now, Bonnie and I have been questioning what God is doing. Why are we not there yet? Now I believe, at least part, His plan has been revealed. In His wisdom, He has delayed us so that we can be a part of the new thing that He is doing at KIST.

In terms of our specific departure, God is continuing to work, bringing us into new partnerships, almost on a daily basis.

God has done a tremendous work in the last two months. All the praise and honor are His as we tell you that our Living Link budget is at 68% and our Start Up budget is at 88%. If this trend continues, we are hoping to be fully funded and ready to go in April 2010. Please pray that this will be the case. We are very excited about the potential of what God is doing at KIST. There is much more that I could say, but I am out of space for now. Blessings!!

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, & Michael Baylor

Pray for Kenya

While it is important to pray for the ministries of KIST specifically, prayer is also needed for Kenya in general to ensure an environment that will allow KIST to flourish. Some areas of prayer for Kenya include:

- Pray for the continued stability of Kenya and wisdom for Kenya's leaders.
- Pray for spiritual renewal among the churches in Kenya. Nairobi is 80% "Christian," but only 12% attend church on a regular basis.
- Pray for unity in the church. Tribalism is still a major issue in Kenya.
- Pray for a spiritual awakening among Kenya's youth. Over half the population of Kenya is under 15 years of age.



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Living Link - 68%

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