



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



I looked for someone who might re-build the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one. - Ezekiel 22:30

These were the words of the prophet Ezekiel to the nation of Israel in the 6th century B.C. Israel was facing dire times. Israel was a vassal state of Babylon and, unlike his father Josiah, Jehiakim had returned to the worship of pagan gods while plotting rebellion against Babylon. This is the scene when Ezekiel speaks the prophecy above. God was looking for a righteous man or woman to stand in the gap before him. To Israel's despair, none could be found.

Similarly, God is looking upon the continent of Africa. War, corruption, disease, and death are everywhere. Thankfully, the verdict in Africa is much different than in Israel 1600 years ago. God has found numerous godly people to stand in the gap, including each of you. Thank you for standing in the gap for our brothers and sisters in Africa. God is doing great things in Africa where the church is growing dramatically and mature leaders are required to lead the congregations that are springing up all over the continent. Through your partnership with us, we hope to join with the Holy Spirit in strengthening the Church in Africa.

We are continuing to fund raise. As you can imagine, given the state of the economy, this has been difficult. Yet, God is faithful and funds continue to come in, both from churches and individuals. We want to thank Hillside Ave Church of God -Springfield, OH, First Church of God Eustis, FL, Ann Smith of Anderson, IN, and Ivan and Jan Terrill of Wisconsin Dells, WI. We praise God for



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His provision and for their willingness to partner with us.

As of this moment, we are at 35% of our Living Link budget and 28% of our Start-Up budget. We are still targeted to depart in late September 2009, so we are trusting God for both budgets to be at 50% by June 15th, 75% by July 15th, and 100% by August 15th. Please pray with us as we seek God's face in meeting our financial needs.

In the mean time, the 2009 North American Convention is approaching fast - June 25 thru July 1, 2009 in Anderson, IN. This year we will be celebrating 100 years of organized global missions in the Church of God. This will be a very special time with many of our missionaries being home as well as international guests from around the world. Plan to join us for this great event. We look forward to seeing you there.

We will also be visiting churches in Missouri and Michigan in July, as well as making numerous face-to-face and phone contacts. Feel free to let us know about any leads you may have regarding individuals and organizations that may have a heart for Africa or cross-cultural mis-

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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 in September 2009.
- 🌿 Pray that the 2009 North American Convention will be a success and will be a time of great celebration of what God is doing around the world.
- 🌿 Pray that God's will is very clear at the Theological Education Forum, July 2nd. Also, pray that many strong relationships will be built around the world.
- 🌿 Pray that God will be preparing our family for the transition to Africa and KIST.

Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for funds that He has provided and continues to provide.
- 🌿 Praise God for all that has been accomplished through Church of God global mission efforts across the globe over the last 100 years.



sions in general. Please pray that God will lead us to the relationships that He has planned for funding this venture. Also, please feel free to invite others to be a part of the prayer team. We will be glad to include them on our email list. We continue to trust Him for the partnerships, the funding, and His timing for us to arrive in Kenya.

At the same time, many other things are happening. We are beginning the process of preparing for departure. We are sorting through our belongings choosing what will go with us, what we will store, and what things that will find a new home. We are also trying to determine the best time for our family to attend two weeks of pre-field training. Pray that God will guide us in our decision-making process. Also, pray the God will begin preparing us for the transition to life in Kenya.

As a follow up to the meetings that we mentioned in our last newsletter, two additional meetings have been scheduled to discuss the future theological education with the Church of God globally. The first of these will focus on the issue world-wide and will take place on July 2nd, just after the 2009 North American Convention.

This will allow the numerous international leaders present to contribute to the discussion. The second will take place in August 2009, focusing on the situation in Africa. Please pray that both of these meetings will be saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit and that God's plan for building leaders for His Church will become clear to all.

Thanks again for partnering with us. Your prayers and encouragement mean more than you will ever know.

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, and Michael Baylor

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