



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."



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Call Unto Me

And Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Behold Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you saying, "Buy for yourself my field at Anathoth, for you have the right of redemption to buy it" '... I bought the field which was in Anathoth ... and I weighed out the silver...I signed and sealed the deed, and called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on scales." - Jeremiah 32:6-7, 9-10 NASB

The outlook for the economy was bleak. Wars and political unrest seemed to be everywhere. Politicians could not be trusted to anything but preserve their own power. While this might read like a headline out of a 2010 newspaper, the situation in question occurred over 1300 years ago. Israel was headed into one of its bleakest periods. As it has always been, Israel lies at the crossroads of the world, balanced between Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon. The Northern Kingdom had already been conquered by Assyria and Judah looked to be next. It was during this time of tumult that the prophet Jeremiah spoke. For his entire life, he pleaded with Israel to return to God and pronounced God's judgment when they failed to heed. Jeremiah was imprisoned, had his scrolls burned, and died in exile. Is it any wonder that he was known as the weeping prophet?

However, not everything was gloom and destruction. Even though God was carrying out His terrible judgment, He did provide some glimpses of hope for Jeremiah. One of these comes in the strange Scripture quoted above. Israel is about to be overrun by her enemies, yet



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Jeremiah was instructed to buy land and make sure that everyone else knew about it. God was saying, "Plan for the future because better times are coming despite the circumstances."

Similarly today, God encourages us that these difficult times will not last forever. God's work will go on no matter how dark things may look. God is constantly looking for people of vision and faith. People who will step out in faith and take God at His word. In fact, shortly after our Scripture passage in chapter 32, we hear God saying, "Call to Me and I will answer you and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." God is waiting for and pleased when His children take a step of faith.

And that is precisely what many of you have done in choosing to support our ministry in these uncertain times. We thank you for your trust in God and in us as you partner with us to reach the continent of Africa. Through your help, God has accomplished some exciting things financially. As of February 12, 2010, our start-up budget reached 100%. We praise God for this accomplishment and give Him all of the glory. Likewise, we have made significant gains in our Living Link budget with an increase of 12%, bringing us to 80%. We are getting very

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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 at the end of April 2010.
- 🌿 Pray that the ordination and baptismal service will be a truly joyous event.
- 🌿 Pray for smooth transition of roles at KIST as many people will be coming a going in the next few months.
- 🌿 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 ministry of Rebecca Pierce.
- 🌿 Praise God that He has great plans for KIST that are just now beginning to be revealed.
- 🌿 Praise God that He sees beyond the circumstances to His great future plans.



close now and praise God for these gains, but we must still achieve 100% before we can depart. Which brings us to those of you who may still be considering what role to play in this ministry.

We are grateful for everyone who has chosen to partner with us whether prayerfully, financially, or both. Even more than the money, prayer is the essential foundation of this endeavor. Anything that we hope to accomplish in the physical realm must first be accomplished in spiritual realm. We need your prayers whether you can support us financially or not. However, we would like to ask that you include in your prayers whether God would have you take the next step.

Just to help quantify our remaining need, we need to have an additional \$12,000 in committed annual support. We know this sounds like big number, but to break it down a little further, this would be 10 people or organizations partnering with us at \$100/month or 20 at \$50/month. Based on the schedule at KIST, it would be ideal for us to arrive near the end of April 2010. We are praying and preparing that God will bridge this last hurdle to meet this timing.

In other areas, KIST's enrollment increased to 64 for term two. Two of the new students are affiliated with the College of the Transfiguration in South Africa. It is hoped that this will be the start of strong partnership between the two schools. Finances, as everywhere, continue to be a challenge, but several cost cutting initiatives have enabled KIST to weather this difficult time. Several teams of faculty and staff have banded together to focus on methods of increasing enrollment.

On a sad note, KIST will be saying good bye to Rebecca Pierce. She will be completing a seven year assignment on March 25th. While officially the Campus Nurse, Rebecca has graciously served wherever the greatest need has been including Instructor, Acting Dean, and Acting Principal. Pray for her as she transitions home. She will be greatly missed.

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, & Michael Baylor

Celebrate with Us

We are pleased to announce two very exciting bits of family news.

- ❖ First, with the full support of the Indiana Ministries of the Church of God, David will be ordained into Christian Ministry.
- ❖ Second, Michael, having accepted Christ's offer of salvation will be baptized (by David).

Both of these events will take place during the 10:45AM worship service on March 28, 2010 at Eastside Church of God, Anderson, IN. If you are in the area, feel free to join us. God is so good!

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KIST Class



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