



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



Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." - Ge 15:4-5 (NASB)

This section of Scripture comes from the story some scholars have called the Abrahamic covenant. It is a refinement of God's promise to Abram in his initial call in Genesis 12. In both places God makes some big promises. First He says that through Abram "all the families of the earth will be blessed." Then, in Genesis 15, God says that his descendants would be as the stars in heaven - countless beyond measure. So, where are things with regard to this promise? Has it been fulfilled? It could be argued that parts of the promise to Abram have been fulfilled. For example, God promised to bless Abram and He did: great wealth, honored as a prince, an heir - Isaac. Furthermore, it can also be argued that Abram's descendants, Israel, did become, and still are, a great people.

But, what about the last part of the promise? Have "all the families of the earth been blessed?" Are the descendants of Abram without count or number? Israel and the Jewish people do represent a sizable people, but they still relatively small compared to the remainder of the world. So the question becomes, is God still going to fulfill this promise? We contend that, yes, God is going to fulfill this promise and, indeed, is doing so even now. The descendants that God was speaking of were not necessarily



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blood descendants, but rather, spiritual descendants. These are descendants of Abram's faith - faith in God that He will do what He said He would do. In fact, throughout the world, God continues to add to the number of Abram's spiritual descendants each day. And Africa is no exception. In the last thirty years, Christianity on the continent of Africa has grown by 161% from 180M in 1980 to 470M in 2009.

God is doing a great work and much work is yet to be done. By partnering with us and KIST, you are playing a major role in God's plan to "bless all the families of the earth." Through the work at KIST, you will be helping to equip the next generation of Christian leaders that will carry the Gospel to the remainder of Africa and to the world. Not only is the African Church reaching their own people, they are beginning to send out their own missionaries to other parts of the world. Thank you for choosing to join with us in carrying forward this great work.

In the month of October 2009, our entire family will be traveling to the Mission Training International in Palmer Lake, CO for our pre-field training. This will include training for the entire family to help prepare us for the transition to Ken-

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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 our safe trip to MTI in Colorado and that God will allow our training time to be fruitful.
- 🌿 Pray that all of the KIST students will remain healthy and be able to focus on their training.
- 🌿 Pray that God will provide the staff, students, and resources for the new work in Kisii.

Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for funds that He has provided and continues to provide.
- 🌿 Praise God for the new crop of students at KIST.
- 🌿 Praise God for the increasing interest in the KIST Extension Program.



yan culture and acquiring Kiswahili once we arrive at KIST. Please pray for a safe trip and that our time will be productive. Funds are continuing to come in and we praise for God for His faithfulness. Thank you for you continued faithful support. We are currently at 43% of our Living Link Budget and 55% of our Start-Up budget. Please pray specifically for God to raise up the people that are needed to complete our funding. For our Living Link Budget this equates to 10-20 people or organizations partnering with us at \$40-\$80 per month. For our Start-Up budget, this equates to 10-20 people or organizations partnering with us at \$1800-\$3600 in one time gifts.

In the broader world, things at KIST are continuing on. The fall semester started in the second week of September with 20 new students, including two from Rwanda. Also this year, KIST welcomed Moses Sibio to the staff as a full time faculty member. Moses is a KIST graduate who just completed his Master's level work. In August, three of the intensive classes for Extension program were offered on the KIST campus. There is also the potential that the Extension program may extend into southern Kenya, near Kisii, in December. Please pray that God will provide wisdom regarding the timing and the students, staff, and resources for this new venture. There has been great interest in the Extension Program from the churches

throughout East Africa and they are anxious for us to arrive.

As with Abram, we are confident that our God will do what He said and provide the means for us to get to Kenya in His time. He is faithful and worthy of praise. Praise Him!

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, & Michael Baylor

Theological Education Conversation Forum

On July 2, 2009, a gathering of leaders from all over the world was held Park Place Church of God to discuss the global situation in theological education and leadership development. One the clear messages resulting from that meeting was that more discussion is needed. In order to facilitate this discussion a new discussion forum has been established through the internet at:

www.forthemutlitude.org

Just click on the tab entitled "TE Conversation Forum" at the top of the page to participate in the discussion.



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