



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 as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. Immediately they left their nets and followed Him."
- Matthew 4:18-20 NASB

Matthew records this as the first instance of Jesus calling the disciples to Himself. Others would follow including Matthew, John, James and all the others included in the Twelve. All of these men were chosen by Jesus to share in His ministry and ultimately to carry forward His work after His death, resurrection, and ascent back to the Father. The Scriptures also record the life that Jesus shared with His disciples for a period of three years. Why did Jesus take this time? Why didn't He just give them the message and send them out. The simple answer is that they were not ready. Jesus spent those three years preparing each of them for the task for which He has called them. Preparation and training was essential, and still is.

Some would say that our journey to the mission field has been long and in many ways they would be correct. For me, the path to the mission field began over twenty years ago while I was in college. For Bonnie, it began fifteen years ago when we got married. However, what seems long and sometimes arduous is not long in God's eyes. He knew that we would need to go together as family. He knew that Bonnie and I would need several years to solidify our relationship so that it would stand up under the pressure of missionary life. Likewise, He made it clear and provided the way for David to get the seminary training that



The Baylors: Bonnie, David, Joshua, Michael

would be essential to the ministry to which He was calling us. Similarly, He provided the way for us to attend the HEART program to prepare our family for the rigors of living in the two-thirds world.

Now, as we approach the end of our journey (or perhaps the beginning) to the mission field, God has some final preparation for us as we prepare to leave for Kenya. During the five week period starting October 5th, our entire family will be attending pre-field training sessions at the Missionary Training Institute (www.mti.org), Palmer Lake, CO. There will be programs for both Bonnie and David as well as specialized programs for Joshua and Michael. The first two weeks we will be attending the PILAT (Program in Language Acquisition Techniques) program. While we will be learning Kiswahilli for our assignment in Kenya, this training focuses on how to learn a second language. It will provide us with tools and the mindset to be more effective in our language learning. The remaining three weeks will be devoted to the SPLICE (Spiritual Personal Lifestyle Interpersonal Cultural Endure/Enjoy) program. This training will prepare us for the cultural transition between life in the US and life in Kenya. Its purpose is to lessen the cultural stresses and will

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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 David will be able to be ordained prior to our departure - hopefully in November 2009.
- 🌿 Pray for Joshua and Michael as we start to make some hard decisions about what to sell or give away, what to store, and what to take with us.

Praises

- 🌿 Praise God for funds that He has provided and continues to provide.
- 🌿 Praise God for all of the new relationships and contacts we continue to establish.
- 🌿 Praise God that that our Start-Up budget is now over 50%.



allow us to avoid many of the pitfalls of living in a cultural not our own.

In the meantime, we have continued our fundraising efforts. God continues to be faithful. We had a wonderful time visiting with the Michigan Women of the Church of God at the Michigan State Camp Meeting in St. Louis, MI. We also had the privilege to minister at First Church of God in Munster, IN and Stringtown Church of God in Covington, IN. We are also pleased to welcome Westwood Church of God in Kalamazoo, MI to our Living Link team. In terms of update, our Living Link budget is at 43% and our Start-up budget is at 52%. So, things are progressing, but must have both budgets at 100% before we can depart for Kenya.

Please pray that God will continue speaking to those He has called to partner with us. 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. William Carey, Missionary to India and the Father of Modern Missions said,

*Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God.*

We invite you to partner with us in this challenge. Pray expecting that God will do great things befitting His glorious Name. Be available. Attempt great

things in-line with majesty and power of the One we serve.

Lord, show us Your glory. Let your praises ring from every tribe and nation. We move forward in great expectation for what You will do. Thank You Jesus. Amen.

For God's Church in Africa,

David, Bonnie, Joshua, & Michael Baylor

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