



A Traditional Shona Wedding



The Bride

One of the highlights of the past few months, was an invitation by a Shona family to attend their daughter's "Kuroora" or traditional/customary marriage. This is a ceremony where the bride price is agreed upon. Once agreement has been reached by the two families, and the bride price commonly called "lobola" has been paid to the bride's parents, the couple is considered married, and the husband can take away his bride.

Young Christian couples do the traditional marriage followed by a Church ceremony. Many brides like the pomp and ceremony of a Church wedding (or "white wedding" as it is called here). This is particularly so among the growing middle-class. And so, once the traditional wedding ceremony is over, they begin to prepare for their "white wedding", after which the bride leaves home with the groom.

The "Kuroora" is a big family occasion, attended by the bride's grandparents, parents, uncles, aunties, siblings etc. One of the bride's aunt's negotiates on behalf of the bride's family." The groom's family does not attend. The prospective bridegroom

is represented by some male family members acting as negotiators or emissaries who negotiate the bride price on his behalf. The bride has no direct role in this. She comes to the ceremony at the request of the elders/uncles who ask her whether she knows the person who seeks her hand in marriage (apparently avoiding a Leah/Rachel situation) after which she sits among the women until the proceedings are over.

Since "there is no rush in Africa", this ceremony lasted three hours at the end of which a sumptuous meal was served. The whole affair was very formal, respectful and orderly, yet there was humor and at the appropriate times, uulating - a traditional sound made with the tongue, sometimes with the assistance of a hand, in the case of less adept 'performers'. The bridegroom was brought into the room towards the end of the proceedings.

Many people look down on traditional marriages and, in particular, struggle over the issue of a bride price. But some young ladies with whom I discussed this say they are worth a lot more than a prospective husband can pay for them; that they see the bride price as a token - one which expresses thankfulness to her parents for having raised their daughter who is now to become his bride.

As we sat through the ceremony, I could see a lot of the Old Testament* being lived out before my very eyes. The groom's emissaries reminded me of Abraham's servant Eliezer who was sent to look for a bride for Isaac, loaded with gifts. The emissaries also came loaded with gifts which were given to the bride's mother and others at the end of the ceremony, and like Eliezer, the emissaries did not eat or drink until the agreement was sealed.

Two thousand years ago, a hefty "bride price" was paid at Golgotha by a man from Nazareth named Jesus. Nothing but his very life would suffice, he was told by his Father. So Jesus struggled a great deal in a garden called Gethsemane and finally yielded to his Father's will saying, "Nevertheless not my will but yours be done." The rest is "His Story" which can be read throughout the pages of the Scriptures.

May all of us who go by His name, His bride the Church, ponder afresh this Easter season. May He also bless us with a growing understanding and wonder at our death with Him and our resurrection in Him, as we look with great anticipation of His return to claim us! That's why He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."



February 2015

Dear Friends,

We've just completed our first two cycles of classes this year with our groups. What an interesting period this has been! If you remember, we ended 2014 with three groups – Rusape, Chegutu and Gweru. Late last year, Dhan had been asked to teach Discipleship at a Bible School in Gweru. While we were still considering this request, he was asked to preach at four different Harare churches (Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal and Anglican) where he had never preached before.

After much prayer, we believe the Lord would have us accept the Bible School's invitation. Having been assured that we would be allowed the freedom to minister as the Lord would have us to, we are making preparations to start in May. Dhan has already preached at three of these four 'new' churches and, now, a fifth Harare church (Salvation Army) has asked that they be added to our monthly schedule. Following the ministry at one of these churches, a home group has invited us to speak to them on a regular basis, beginning March 13th.

We are so excited about these developments. While we are aware of the peril of spreading ourselves too thin, we believe these new opportunities are of the Lord and that, in Him, we are therefore able to manage them. They represent a new high in our ministry here, a culmination of seed-sowing and relationship-building efforts during the past seven years and an indication of the Lord's favor. What is more, these invitations (except the Bible School) all come from Harare and involve people who more easily communicate in English and regularly read the Scriptures. Furthermore, working with them would be consistent with our ministry objective of "Equipping the Church in Zimbabwe for intentional participation in world missions". So, there you have it; much to join us in prayer about.

A few days ago, we received a phone message from a member of our Gweru class with whom we continue to work with great joy. She wrote, "We are so grateful for the ministry you invest in our lives. Thank you." Not only were we very encouraged by this simple gesture, but we can honestly say that this ministry is no small blessing to us. We feel extremely privileged to be used by the Lord in helping His children to grow in His grace and in the knowledge of Him; and all the while, we too are benefiting spiritually from it, for every meeting is a meeting with the Lord. We are not sure that we can adequately communicate how very blessed we are in this.

Only yesterday we received notification of the renewal of our Residence Permit for another two years. Please join us in giving thanks to our heavenly Father. We've always believed that the Lord would ensure that we have the necessary governmental permits as long as He wanted us here. So, yes, we are being kept very busy but how reassuring to know that we are where the Lord wants us and doing what He wants us to do.

There is one other aspect to all of this that we cannot minimize – your faithfulness to the Lord in continuing to partner with us. Our hearts are overflowing with praise to our Lord, for it is Him throughout all things. How very much we appreciate your journeying with us that we may be used of the Lord to help equip believers here for service to Him in the Great Commission. You are the Lord's gift to us and His work.

So please rejoice with us for the Lord's blessings, and let us pray for His continued grace and favor upon our lives in all things. To Him be the glory, ever!

Yours in His service

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Great contrasts characterize the Republic of Zimbabwe in southern Africa. These are immediately obvious to the visitor, especially in its flora and fauna. The latter includes multiple species of apes, deer, reptiles, birds, fresh-water fish; as well as lions, hippos, leopards, elephants, rhinoceros, giraffes, zebra, and so the list goes on. In fact, much of the tourism industry is centered around its wildlife.

But equally attractive, in fact stunning, is the vast variety of flowering shrubs and trees. It seems that there is always some kind of plant in bloom for there is always something coloring the landscape – whether along the highways, in the cities, shopping or residential areas. Many streets are actually lined with particular types of trees, which will in due course shed their petals to carpet the roadway beneath – a sight to behold!

Although there are officially two seasons – the rainy and the dry – there is, in fact, a winter from May through August when night-time temperatures can fall as low as freezing. So, there are summer flowers and winter blooms, colors befitting the wet months and the dry months too. We have the purple jaracanda, the red, pink or white varieties of the poinsettia, the white of the snow-on-the-mountain, the reddish purple/pink/white of the bauhinia, the yellow of the cassia, plus numerous wildflowers, etc, etc. And as if to bid farewell to the winter, the young leaves of the msasa will appear in all their glory – reds, pinks, rusts, yellows - all merging into one another in a wild and breath-taking, panoramic display. No, there's never a dull moment for the flora here. One country, yet such rich variety!

This reminds us of what God's Word says concerning the Church in 1 Corinthians 12 – “The body is a unit though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greek, slave or free Now the body is not made up of one part but of many..... But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, just as he wanted them to be. If they were one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”

Diversity in the midst of unity. Perhaps nowhere else is diversity so richly demonstrated as in the Church. There are big believers and there are small ones, tall ones and short ones too; some are black others are white, still others are a variety of colors in between. God has given to some great wealth; others, He is teaching contentment with little. Some are known internationally, and there are others who are hardly known save in the relatively small areas where they serve. To some, God has entrusted great responsibility; to others, He has not done so. In the matter of gifts and abilities, He has greatly endowed multitudes. But many are there who are not, or whose gifts and abilities keep them strictly backstage, away from public view – like some parts of the body.

We see this variety among the people we work with in this Country. We appreciate the diversity which they exhibit. However, one thing we do pray for is that each would have a growing desire for the Lord, to make Him their undisputed Lord and to follow in His steps. In this, we find unity in diversity.

We also see and appreciate your diversity in the body of Christ. As you pray for the work of missions, and for those of us with whom you are particularly familiar, one may wonder what your cumulative prayers sound like to the Father's ears! Yes, we are assured the Lord hears and answers your prayers, made in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your own individual way, according to your own vocabulary and style of speaking (and praying), with your own God-given vision, burden and passion.

And the same applies to all of you who respond so graciously to the Lord's promptings to give towards His work of reaching the lost and discipling believers – whether by way of personal support, contributing towards the purchase of a needed motor vehicle, meeting some urgent financial or medical need, or the building of an orphanage; showing love and appreciation for furloughed missionaries, writing an encouraging note or email, or using some other means of communication. Some of you contribute anonymously, but the Lord knows who you are and we, the missionaries on the field, are no less deeply grateful.



You may never know how deep a need was met, how encouraging was your communication, or how meaningful and effective was your spontaneous but unsolicited prayer on our behalf for a need that you didn't even know about, but the Lord did. We believe we can speak on behalf of all of us on the field in saying how much we appreciate that there is this intentional and rich diversity in the body of Christ and, particularly, among all of you who make such a vital contribution to the Master's work of Missions – each doing his/her part, as the Lord prompts us, for the advancement of His kingdom and the glory of His Name. Jesus says to each of us, “Follow me”. Following Him is a high calling and privilege. May our Father continue to bless you who color the landscape of His kingdom with your diversity in so many ways, and as you labor for Him in singleness of heart and with a unity of purpose, “with one mind for the faith of the gospel.” (Philippians 1:27)



These past three months have been among our busiest this year. July marked the end of our three years of ministry at the Eastern highlands town of Rusape. We met at several venues and under different conditions during that time. We also held our last Bible study with the residents of the senior citizens village in Rusape where we rented an apartment these past three years (much cheaper than staying at a guesthouse). They said farewell with tea, followed by Bible study, after which they served soup and rolls. We'll return sometime, in the Lord's will, to encourage, challenge and fellowship with them.



In August one of our appointments was an invitation from one of the past attendees of our classes in Chegutu. This Pastor had started a ministry in Makonde District, a rural area of Mashonaland West, and asked us to speak at a Church Conference there. What we were told was a 1.5 hour, 45 km. drive from the town of Chinoyi, turned out to be 65 km. and took us almost 3.5 hours over the most horrendous roads. Those more acquainted with the area wisely use donkey carts – they travel faster than us too! But the beauty of the countryside and the thankfulness and hospitality of the residents made the trip worthwhile.



This hut serves during the week as a school for 65 of the community's pre-school age children and Church sanctuary on Sundays. Please pray for Pastor & Mrs Muchena as they serve in this community with very little resources.

In September God gave us much grace as we got back on the road, to Chegutu and on to Gweru, all the while trying to get as much news as we possibly could about Dolly's home island of Dominica that has suffered terrible infrastructural damage and the loss of over 30 lives from severe flooding and widespread landslides in the aftermath of the Erika and two other tropical weather systems. After about three days, our children were able to make contact with us and confirm that they were all well and are now part of the relief and restoration process. Please pray for Dominica and its people whose livelihood depended on Eco-tourism.



April 2015

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! We are home in Harare for the month of April and look forward to catching up on household chores, paperwork, fellowshiping with ministry friends, and getting some R & R.

This morning, we met for prayer with a dear Pastor and his wife. His prayer resonated what has been on our hearts – that God’s people all over the world will meaningfully celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Dhan recalls that in his childhood, Easter meant flying kites which was the youthful passion among boys his age. During his student days in England when the seasons seemed more predictable, it was the ‘magic’ of Spring as the flowers, in all their glory, awakened from the doldrums of the English winter to the promise of warmer days ahead. But after he became a Christian, he looked forward to Easter knowing it meant a lot more than flying kites and Spring.

Yet there remained a void. We know that Good Friday marks the death of Jesus as Easter did His resurrection. But was there anything beyond the historical events associated with those days? It didn’t help that many Easter Sunday messages pertained more properly to Good Friday. The struggles over the true significance of Easter continued until the Lord brought home to us the truth of Romans 6:3-4 – “Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

That’s really it! Good Friday not only marks the day when Christ shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all our sins (alleluia!), but also our old sinful nature, our old manner of living, was put to death and buried with Christ. And just as Easter marks His resurrection from the dead proving, beyond any doubt whatsoever that His sacrifice was accepted by the Father (praise the LORD!), it also marks our own resurrection by which He imparts His own life to us!! So, passages like Galatians 2:20 began to take on new meaning - in salvation, we receive a brand new life; His life. Confirmation of these truths were coming from other passages of Scripture too. Wow!! What life-changing truth. All self-generated efforts to please God (and others) go out the window, for this opens up the way to Jesus’ promises of “abundant life”, setting us “free” and “fulfilling the law”; in fact, the whole New Covenant. Now you know why this time of the year is so very special to us!

And this is the message we labor to bring men and women here our passion, our heartbeat – bringing to them the life-changing message of “Christ in you the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:7). Many are the ‘messages’ going around here giving false hope to unsuspecting victims who become poorer while the “messengers” become richer. So please join us in praying that people would hear the truth and the truth would indeed set them free.

The Lord continues to open up new opportunities for us to share His message. These past couple months, we’ve had new preaching engagements, a new Bible Study, and two days teaching Missions and Discipleship to eight Pastors in an OM program called “Gateway to Missions”. On April 30, we speak to a large group of Pastors in Chegutu, and from May, we stay on in Gweru for two extra days every month teaching sixteen students at a Bible School.

We are so excited over what the Lord is doing here. And we are equally encouraged by the reports of what He’s doing in Iran and other countries where His children are being persecuted. Truly, the battle is the Lord’s and we who are His own are privileged to be used by Him to realize His eternal purposes.

We are also thrilled at what He is doing, are very grateful to be serving Him on this very small portion of the field and continually give thanks to Him for you and your partnership with us. May He richly bless you for your faithfulness in serving Him.

Blessings,

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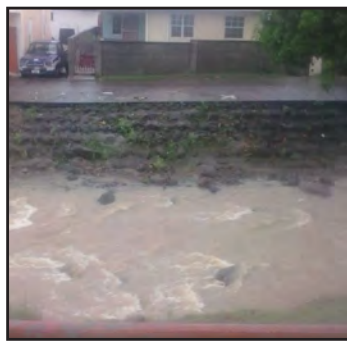
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work is now ahead of them – that of “teaching the Word and reaching the world”; and that this would be accomplished, not by natural ability or human enterprise, but by the Spirit of the Lord empowering and using them.

We are grieved at what we see in so many parts of the Church today. It seems that we work so hard at settling down into a life of ease and comfort that the rigors of the Gospel call are greatly diluted. Perhaps we have created a brand of Christianity with a jealously-guarded space around ourselves, and anything that threatens it is seen incompatible with the faith and therefore offensive. Worse yet, we call upon the very Lord for preservation from such encroachment, and this becomes a cause to which we dedicate ourselves. Christ, therefore, has at best a secondary place in His own Church – perhaps, for some, He is no more than a convenient figure-head.

One of the things that struck us on our recent trip was how warmly we were received wherever we went. Surely, the Lord must have prepared their hearts beforehand. Yes, God is good and we do not exaggerate when we say we feel very, very privileged to be His missionaries. And you, dearest friend, are being used by Him to bless us in so many ways, not least of which is your generosity in friendship and love.

All those who know the Lord understand, in some measure, the prophet’s words in Is. 9:6, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.*” Yes, it’s unto us, His children, today and throughout the ages.

May this Christmas be your most meaningful yet, as the Lord reveals to you a deeper measure of the fullness of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May the government of our lives come under His government in ever-increasing measure. Let us truly call Him Lord. To Him be the glory forever and ever.





June 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in praying for and giving towards the ministry to which the Lord has called us here in Zimbabwe. At a recent missions conference, the Church was challenged to Pray, Go, Give and Send into the mission field. So we thank the Lord for your partnership with us, which He has used not only to send us here but to keep us working with Pastors and Leaders of churches in different locations. There are no shortcuts in the Discipleship ministry so, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we continue to plod on, trusting Him for yielded hearts.

We praise God for the classes we had in Rusape, Chegutu and Gweru this past month. You would remember that we had committed ourselves to start working with a Bible College in Gweru in May and we are very happy to report that we are off to a great start. We have been assigned two groups of first-year students. One group meets in the morning and the other in the evening. So we will spend an additional two days in Gweru each month to accommodate these classes. The members of both groups are very keen and motivated and we have found it a pleasure to work with them.

Our friends at OIC are very graciously housing us free of charge. When we first went to that city six years ago, we knew no one there and had to stay at a rather costly game park. Now, thank God, we have made several friends in the Christian community and accommodation is no longer a problem.

Our schedule for June is:

Wednesday June 3 – Travel to Rusape
Thursday June 4 – Friday June 5 – Meet with Rusape group
Friday June 5 or Saturday June 6 – Return from Rusape
Wednesday June 10 – Travel to Chegutu, meet with Chegutu group; Return to Harare in afternoon
Thursday June 11 – Travel to Chegutu, meet with Chegutu group; Travel to Gweru in early afternoon
Thursday June 11 – Evening Bible Study with combined Home Cells at OIC
Friday June 12 – Afternoon Bible Study with group at OIC
Sunday June 14 – Preach at OIC
Monday June 15 – Tuesday June 16 - Meet with groups at Bible College
Wednesday June 17 – Return to Harare.

Please join us in giving God thanks for His daily provision for us, and also pray for:

1. Journeying mercies for us. There are many, many more vehicles on the road now and driving has become ever more demanding;
2. Hearts open and fully yielded to the Lord; sustained keenness by all those we work with;
3. Wisdom regarding the Rusape group with whom we have now worked three years;
4. Continued good health for us.

With deep gratitude to our Triune God.

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August 2015

Dear Friends,

We can hardly believe that our last letter to you was early June. Much has been happening on our side; but, no doubt, you can say the same of yourselves too.

Our classes in Rusape, Chegutu and Gweru continued during June and July. In June, we decided to terminate our Rusape group. Not only had we been there for three years but we felt that we were not seeing the level of commitment to the Lord that we are looking for. This has not been for want of trying. After seeking the Lord, we felt sure that our last class should be in July, which it was. The Chegutu and Gweru groups (both One in Christ and the two Bible College groups) continue to be very encouraging. This being a school holiday month, we have no classes but we're back on the road on September 2nd and 3rd to Chegutu. From the afternoon of the 3rd until the 9th, we'll be in Gweru and on the 22nd and 23rd we meet with pastors in Domboshawa.



Our friends at Resthaven, Rusape

Another pastor in Gweru who has charge of several churches, has asked us to help his twenty-plus leaders in Discipleship when we are in Gweru. We can do 3 to 4 hours on the Saturday morning and 3 hours on Sunday afternoon. In that way, we would not have to be in Gweru any longer than we are normally – one week. Now that we are no longer going to Rusape, we are also looking into starting new groups – in Domboshawa and Goromonzi, both of which are about an hour's drive from home in Harare. In late July, we did a one-day Conference with the pastors at Domboshawa who are very keen.

Two days ago, we drove to a very rural part of the Country to address a Conference. The journey we were told would take only 90 minutes, actually took 3¼ hours and the distance was not 45 but 80 kms. The roads were the worst we had ever travelled on. In many ways, it was a real eye-opener for us. The people hardly ever leave their rural and rough setting; but they are so gracious and spiritually hungry!



Doubles up as Church and pre-school for 70 kids



Setting up for worship

June/July was quite challenging for us. Very early on the second day of our June ministry in Chegutu, our 2002 Nissan X-Trail, God's faithful provision for our travelling needs these past three years, was all loaded up with our week's supplies for Gweru. Although the engine was tumbling healthily, it just refused to start. Our mechanic friend came and carried out various tests but could find no problem. A tow truck took it to his workshop, and failing further tests, he sent it to an electrician. During the next month, the car's computer gave a number of confusing signals. Even after changing a number of parts the computer continued to fluctuate between one thing and another. Finally, as we were entering the fifth week, a car dealership agreed to exchange a 2001 Toyota for the Nissan. The exchange required us paying some money to the dealer which, praise God, we were able to come up with. In the meantime, someone lent us a nice car which we used to travel to Gweru and Rusape in June/July.

We continue to marvel at God's gracious provision for us in every aspect of our being here. The longer we serve Him, the more conscious we are that it is Him who works through us, both to will and to accomplish His purposes. It is simply marvelous to enjoy Him and to be lost in His will. We feel very blessed to be His children.

Would you please join us in giving thanks for the Lord's provision of another vehicle? And please pray with us for His will regarding Gweru Pastor's request for help in equipping his leaders, and for the ministry in Domboshawa and Goromonzi. And, like never before, join us at the mercy seat in interceding for our protection on the roads!

Thank you, dear friend, for your faithfulness in partnering us in this ministry, through your prayers and financial gifts. Thank you also for your emails which are always very special and encouraging. The Lord will not forget your labor of love for Him. May He who is worthy continue to bless you in every way.

With much love,

Dhan & Dolly



Dear Precious Friends,

October 2015

We are writing from Gweru where we have one more class before we return to Harare early tomorrow this will be our last class here for this year, because the November class has been cancelled due to our travel plans.

As we were about to turn in one night in late August, we suddenly felt a great desire to see our family (a daughter and her four children) in Dominica. We discussed it, but both agreed that this was something we couldn't even consider before 2017, at best. The next morning, we received an email from a Church in Grenada with whom we had much ministry over the years, inviting us to the rededication of their building on October 25th. While we appreciated the sentiment, we thought a trip to Grenada was just not possible at this time. However, the Lord was way ahead of us, and unknown to us, had already made provision for our return tickets.

That same day, tropical storm Erika dumped record rainfall on Dominica which the bridges and other infrastructural works could not withstand. The island suffered some of the worst destruction in its history. The result was numerous landslides (one of which completely demolished an entire village), unprecedented flooding in many parts of the Island, including the capital city, the main airport was non-functional for three weeks as every piece of equipment was destroyed, several bridges and huge sections of recently refurbished roads were washed away; and over forty lives were lost. People were left in shock, which worsened as the rains continued during the following two weeks. Thankfully, our family was kept safe during the storm

This invitation from the Church in Grenada gives us the opportunity to visit family in Dominica which, at this time, would have been impossible otherwise. So, we are scheduled to leave Zim on October 14th and return December 11th. Our visit to Dominica would be from November 1st to 20th. Isn't our heavenly Father just absolutely wonderful? He is so gracious to us! Indeed, "before we ask He answers".

Unfortunately, we would not be able to be in the Caribbean for Christmas as we have planned our return to give us enough time to prepare for 2016 - our first class is on January 9th. We expect to have two new groups then - one at Goromonzi, a 75 minute drive from home; the other at Domboshava, an hour away. The plan is to have the Goromonzi class on two consecutive Saturdays each month to facilitate participants who work in the City. We have already met with the coordinating Pastor and seen the venue. He is very keen. The Domboshava class will be held on two successive days each month, when they find a suitable venue. We have already had two one-day seminars with them and they are also very eager to be regularly scheduled.

Please join us in giving thanks for our Lord's gracious provision of these two air tickets and this unexpected opportunity to visit family. We are also hoping that the Lord will bring us into contact with some folks whom we can comfort and encourage with the comfort with which He has comforted us, and that Christ, through our visit, will be greatly honored, both in Dominica and Grenada. Thanks for praying with and for us as we travel and minister as the Lord leads. We would also greatly value your prayers for those with whom we have worked this year. It has had its challenges but we have tried to faithfully minister His truth and must now trust the Lord for timely germination of the seeds and fruit in due season - all to His eternal glory.

Thank you, dear Friend. May our Father continue to bless you and yours as you too faithfully labor in your own part of His vineyard. May you also be greatly encouraged by the fact that your partnership with us is of immense value to Him and to us. ~ *Dhan & Dolly*

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The damage to the island was unbelievable but now most roads are now accessible, although some villages are still cut off. Yet, the resilience and determination of the people are exemplary and life is returning to normal although there is still very much to be done. We pray that this experience will drive them to a pure faith in the Lord.

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We are grieved at what we see in so many parts of the Church today. It seems that we work so hard at settling down into a life of ease and comfort that the rigors of the Gospel call are greatly diluted. Perhaps we have created a brand of Christianity with a jealously-guarded space around ourselves, and anything that threatens it is seen incompatible with the faith and therefore offensive. Worse yet, we call upon the very Lord for preservation from such encroachment, and this becomes a cause to which we dedicate ourselves. Christ, therefore, has at best a secondary place in His own Church – perhaps, for some, He is no more than a convenient figure-head.

One of the things that struck us on our recent trip was how warmly we were received wherever we went. Surely, the Lord must have prepared their hearts beforehand. Yes, God is good and we do not exaggerate when we say we feel very, very privileged to be His missionaries. And you, dearest friend, are being used by Him to bless us in so many ways, not least of which is your generosity in friendship and love.



All those who know the Lord understand, in some measure, the prophet's words in Is. 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given." Yes, it's unto us, His children, today and throughout the ages.

May this Christmas be your most meaningful yet, as the Lord reveals to you a deeper measure of the fullness of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May the government of our lives come under His government in ever-increasing measure. Let us truly call Him Lord. To Him be the glory forever and ever.

Because to us the Son is given,

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