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Newsletter*

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The annual "Have a Heart for Harvest" Banquet was a tremendous success.
Praise the Lord!

Over 300 guest attended to enjoy "A Night of Gospel" presentation
by the Jordanares Impersonators. They were great!

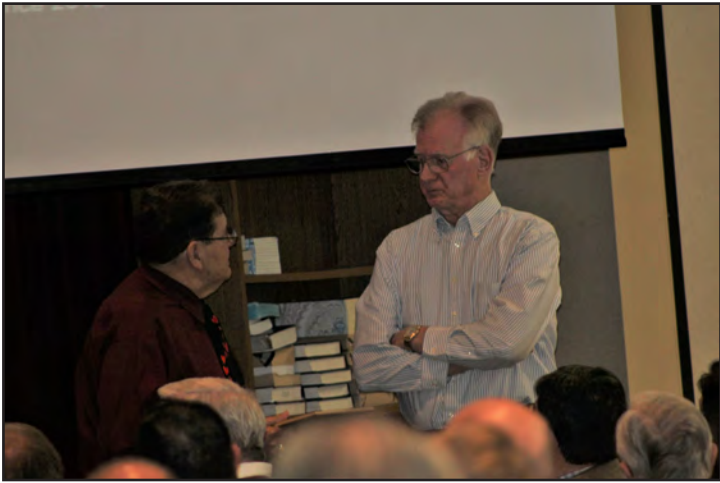
This was our best Banquet ever.
It was lighthearted, fun, worshipful, just a great night of escape
from "The cares of the world" for a few minutes.

It was more than a concert,
WE Had Church!
Thank you Jesus.

OVER \$42,000 WAS RAISED!! PRAISE THE LORD!!

Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35









Randy & Debbie Bullock

Serving the Lord in Romania



Greeting from Romania! I'm not actually in Romania but want to catch you all up on what has been going on there. In Dumbrava, Adelina is in charge of a Gypsy Center. They work with the children after school with their homework and have Bible lessons. They also spend time doing arts and crafts plus other activities with the kids. In December, they had a Christmas Celebration for the children and invited their families. They shared the Christmas story and had a time of sharing and singing with all the children and families. We would like to thank the First Baptist Church of Weinert, Texas for their second year putting together gift bags for the children in Dumbrava.



These children come to the center after school so they can get help with schoolwork. Most of these children will not finish school past eighth grade due to their parents putting them to work. Adelina and her staff are trying to help them understand that through education and school they can have a better future and life.

My brother, a Pastor at Weinert Baptist Church, built six new computers and shipped them over to Dumbrava. Adelina's husband, Manu, is working with the teens on how to use the computers.



Adelina likes to try to have a snack or a little something for the children in the afternoon before they go home. They do not have much funding and so they rely mostly on donations of food and gifts for this. Adelina had told me that a woman from one of the villages had made a bunch of jelly and she gave it to the center there for the children. I was telling my brother this story and he asked if the the children like peanut butter? I told him that they do not know what peanut butter is, as peanut butter is not a worldwide food. Surprised by this fact, my brother purchased over 20 big jars of peanut butter and had it shipped over there. The children absolutely loved it!

I want to thank everyone who has given, helped, prayed and gone to Romania. It has been over 20 years ago that God began this Journey for me. I look back at all the lives that have been touched and changed on both sides of the world. That is the amazing thing about our God, His Love has no boundaries or limits.

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



VIRUS, VICTORS AND OUR VICTORIOUS GOD.

Today at Church, after the Communion service, the eleven of us who turned out, did' the elbow bumps' – instead our usual hugs. A few did the foot, heel to toe, touching greeting It was a fun time!

Last week Thursday, coming out of Kingston and having need of a snack, I stopped at a Convenience Store, connected to a gas station. At the front door I was met by a security guard with a hand spray, and I had to extend my hands to be sprayed with a hand-sanitizer.

The COVID 19 Virus has arrived here in Jamaica. The first case came from London via a British-Jamaican who came home for a relative's funeral. The second imported came in from New York, as a 79 year old Jamaican resident there, with diabetes and other underlying health problems, "wanted to return home to die", as stated by a relative. He later tested for the virus, and on Thursday evening, as he was being prepared to go in to our best national hospital in the capital city, passed away from pneumonia. He has been our first and only death so far from the Virus. All social and athletic gatherings and games are locked down, much to the dismay of our schools and expected Olympic athletes.

Our Government, through the Minister of Health and Wellness, has been doing a herculean task of handling the disease. At present there are nineteen (19) confirmed cases, with 89 having been tested and 70 proving negative, and 25 now in isolation. Many others are under self- quarantine after returning from overseas trips.. First they prevented a few Cruise ships that had affected passengers, or had not kept proper records of passengers' health records, were prevented from releasing their passengers for onshore visits. Since then the government has found it necessary to shut down our borders to any but returning Jamaicans. All necessary measures are being taken, and some hotels in our crucial Tourism sector have closed down. This has devastating results for our vital Tourism industry. Tourism is our greatest foreign exchange earner, so the results are being felt in all sectors of our society. Schools and Colleges have been closed down for more than a week; the Entertainment industry and even churches cannot meet with more than 20 persons. "Social Distancing" has become a new term in our language, with churches having to cease our greeting of fellow believers "with a holy kiss." It feels strange and unnatural as we struggle to maintain these restrictions for our health's sake.

But, as believers in Christ, and in confidence in our God's omniscience and divine purposes, we are heeding His oft repeated consolation throughout the Bible to "Be not afraid," and "when ye see these things beginning to come to pass look up, for your redemption draweth nigh." At our church service yesterday, the less than twenty of us present changed the service into a time of prayers and encouragement of the God who is in charge, and desires us to encourage each other, and those without strong confidence in Him, to put our trust and confidence in Him who is never taken by surprise. We believe that before long "this too shall pass", with many persons coming to recognize their need to "seek the Lord while He may be found" and to "Call upon Him while He is near" and "make their calling and election sure" 2 Peter 1:10.

FRUITS are in season now, especially a famous one of most Jamaicans, star apple. This usually comes in just before the Easter season. Our tree behind the house has overdone itself this year in the volume and sweetness of the fruits. We have had to be giving them away to neighbors and friends on every side. Last week I climbed to the upper reaches of the tree (much to Elaine's displeasure for climbing at my advanced age, (Though she didn't express the reasons for her feelings that starkly). I filled a book box with the best fruit and drove around to some friends to share with them. Many were still lost to spoilage as we couldn't dispose of them fully. We trust that we are producing spiritual fruit for the Lord just as profusely. We give thanks to those of you who by your prayers, and others by financial support, keep us active in the Lord's work. We remember that Jesus commanded us all, before he returned to His heavenly Father, to "Occupy till I Come!"

Elaine's children ministries have benefited from your prayers, and she is appreciative of you standing with her. She still goes into the schools whenever she can, with the message to "Wait and Win", not entering into early sexual activities, but to surrender the lives and desires unto the Lord for His help and salvation. The Young adults who come to her church, each week for counsel, encouragement and financial help for school also thank you all for enabling us to help them by your support of us. We pray the Lord will continue to uphold you, and be your all-sufficient source to supply of "all your needs in Christ Jesus."

Lloyd & Elaine Cooke continued.....

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Keep the situation in Jamaica in your minds and on your hearts, concerning the Corona Virus.
- Pray for our Government to make the wise decisions and choices for us to see an end to the fear and uncertainties of our population.
- Thank God for the culture of religiosity here in Jamaica, and that it will cause our people to turn to the Lord for His help and deliverance.
- Pray for the many who have lost jobs or businesses that depend on our Tourist Industry, which has been so badly affected, with many hotels closing down due to lack of visitors.
- Help us pray for Various Jamaican missionaries serving in a number of African and other Caribbean countries, for their protection and preservation.
- For a close missionary/pastor friend who takes visits to a number of Southern African countries each year about this time; he desires wisdom from the Lord as he prays about these upcoming trips, when he takes others with him to conduct seminars, coach believers how to use sports as a ministry; and as he teaches Kenyans, Ugandans, and South Africans about their family responsibilities to “Bless their Children” with their biblical Paternal blessings.
- His mother, whom he leaves alone for four months or longer, as she faced some health issues recently.
- For Elaine’s grand-nephew, who grew up with us from the age of ten to young adulthood, who is now a Chef on a Cruise ship of older American passengers, who has been in the Southern Atlantic and Pacific oceans for a while now. Pray for his protection and that he would deepen his faith in the Lord and in His Word during this time of uncertainties.
- Thank God with us for the very good health that we are in, except for a few controlled “old age issues:” as Elaine tries to keep her Cholesterol level; and her mild High blood pressure and some heart issues under control. She does usually take her medication.
- Pray that in these our “Increasing years” we may daily have the faith to overcome the lies of Satan; when our age, aches and pains may not lead to fears, anxieties and restlessness. And that depressive thoughts and fears may not become depressions.
- Lloyd is marking a final exam and Term Papers for a small class he just finished teaching at the Graduate School on “Caribbean Church History.” His high Cholesterol situation is nearly under control, and he has reduced the level of statin drugs he used to take.
- But Lloyd has occasional Insomnia, as he sometimes paces the floor of the spare room during a part of the nights. This time is usually spent in prayer for every person and situation the Lord brings to his mind. He is sometimes sleep deprived, but manages to do quite well.
- Pray too for the Bible College and Graduate school students that he interacts with in the courses he teaches.

A NOTE FROM ELAINE

In our observations of what is happening around us, two words come to mind: “Times and Seasons.” Just two months ago, in January, our children in their beautiful uniforms headed back to school, and Elaine and her team through the “Wait and Win” program, were able to lead some of them to the Lord. Then came the month of February and it was ‘Harvest time’ in some of our churches. In one Methodist church the theme was “Harvesting Souls: the Fruit of Good Discipleship.” It brought great joy to our hearts to see the young people from six (6) Primary and High Schools participating in the service.

Now it is the month of March and COVID 19 is with us. This is the time when we are reminded that all the nations are under the control of God and God alone;

- This is the season of heightened prayer for the nations.
- This is the time to demonstrate the “Fruit of the Spirit – loving our neighbors, sharing kindness and being at peace.
- This is a time for “harvesting.”

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



For the past several months the situation in Haiti has become critical. Gertrude Bien Aime who leads the inclusion school in Haiti also has rescued and raised children with disabilities over the past 25 years at the Notre Maison Orphanage. All of the children have been attending the Haitian Center for Inclusion and the attendance has risen to over 100 children with and without special needs from Notre Maison and the surrounding community. Gertrude is in need of support and assistance due to the school and port closings that just occurred March 19th due to two new Corona Virus cases in Haiti. Violence and protests taking place in Port-au-Prince continue. Supplies of food and necessities are difficult to find and only available at times when there is a lull in the violence that keeps everyone off the streets. Ports are shut now because of the new Corona Virus which means the children in the orphanage with disabilities will have a difficult time getting food again. They were down to one meal a day previously and with this news we must act quickly. I wanted to share this report from Gertrude and ask if you would consider making a donation to the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education to assist with getting the school back on its feet and helping the children with disabilities that Gertrude raises (currently nearly 40 children). She mentions in the letter below that at the worst of times the children were down to one meal a day because of the political situation and is hoping to be able to go to replenish their supplies of gasoline, food and basic necessities in between riots. The children are now unable to leave the orphanage and food and supplies will again become critical. Prices and inflation have risen due to shortages which makes the situation worse when you are keeping so many children alive let alone healthy due to their special needs.

Here is the situation in the words of Gertrude. The children could soon be down to one meal a day again:

Hello everyone,

Last month:

The situation in Haiti is getting worse and worse, the protests cease a bit, but they are still burning tires and more people are getting killed. Especially the gang leaders that make it more complicated because they are fighting between themselves and they have big guns.

A few schools open as parents take their kids to school wait for them at the school in case something happens and some of them hire security with guns. I feel the situation is not good to expose our Notre Maison kids to this especially in our Laplaine area as they are shooting a lot. A few gang leaders in our area that work for MSC and Sejourne have seen and told our school gatekeeper Gesley to not stay in front of the gate and keep the gate more secure.

Two weeks ago:

The situation is very complicated, sometimes they open the street for one day then we run and do what we have to do. We can find food when they open the street but it is very expensive. I can't describe the situation. Only what I can say is this is the worst situation for people to live in.

We are hanging on and hoping it will change.

Gertrude Bien Aime
Notre Maison Orphanage director.



Daniel & Betty

Serving the Lord in India



The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda



SO WHATS HAPPENING IN UGANDA

Let me list the ways:

- Nathaniel, Pastor Sam and Zoe's second youngest son, is getting married on May 2nd. On Saturday, March 21st, the introduction to Gloria's family occurred. This is a big deal in Uganda and a dowry is required to be given to the girl's family. It was negotiated down to: eight cows, ten goats and one sheep. Not bad for a lifetime wife!



- Pastor Sam had an eye operation which was successful. The doctors had indicated to him that the other eye would need an operation but now they are going to treat that eye with medicine, Praise the Lord!
- Concerning the Hope Primary School, Isaac Kayondo will be undergoing additional training to become Deputy Headmaster when Patrick, the current Deputy, becomes Headmaster. Patrick is also doing graduate work at the University in Ft. Portal to be qualified to replace Chris, the current Headmaster of Hope, when he retires.
- And finally, the Locust infestation. Locust swarms have invaded Kenya, Southern Sudan and Northern Uganda. Uganda has been battling them with pesticides from airplanes and drones and so far have kept them from doing major damage in Uganda. Praise the Lord! The dreaded insects eat anything green.

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Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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It's another beautiful morning in this 'House of Stone', Zimbabwe, as the songs of the birds amply testify. It seems like the rains have already come and gone in a Country still reeling from last year's prolonged and harsh drought. Although this season's showers have been adequate for the current crops like maize (a staple for most people), sorghum, beans, tobacco etc, many are still very hopeful that some late rains will provide much-needed water for the dams and lakes (necessary for irrigation and electricity generation) and boreholes/wells. In many places, the public supply of potable water is either non-existent or unsafe.

But there are other matters of great concern to the populace. Last May, the US dollar was worth \$4.50 of our local currency; today, it is over \$40! Consequently, prices of goods and services are steadily rising but salaries are not keeping pace with the rate of inflation. Many people still have fresh memories of the hyper-inflation days which ended in 2009 when the US dollar became legal tender; they fear a repeat. The petrol and diesel lines are longer than ever and an enormous number of man-hours are being lost in the process. Electricity is still being severely rationed, although it has improved somewhat. International agencies have reported that about half of the population is below the poverty benchmark and have described the current situation as a "man-made disaster". Added to all of this is the lurking Covid-19! Praise God, there are no confirmed cases.

Many lament over the present situation and hope for a change in the fortunes of this mineral-rich Country, once regarded as the bread-basket of Africa. Being a religious people, they also pray that its success would result in an improvement of their lot.

What an opportunity for the Gospel! We are convinced that only Jesus Christ can give them real hope in this time of crisis. So there is need for a fundamental shift in perspective to see that Christ is the Sovereign Lord whose promise in Matt. 6:33 still stands today and we must radically trust Him alone to provide all our needs. Sadly, though, the focus of many churches is on prosperity here and now. Every material lack is seen as a curse of some sort from which the follower is to be delivered. Consequently, there is a preoccupation with the sensational, the glamorous and the spectacular, all designed to grab the attention of the religious and immature.

When He sent us here in 2008, the Lord impressed upon our hearts the need to help people grow into an intimate relationship with Him. Our group meetings are therefore interactive and we share as people on a common journey. Over the years, we have proven this to be an effective approach.

So after reaching out to groups of Pastors/Leaders in several cities and townships, the Lord is now leading people to us - some new, some from a few years back. We use every opportunity He makes available to us to meet with them and others in small groups, and with couples and individuals here in Harare. We also continue to travel monthly to Gweru, four hours away, to meet with a very encouraging group there.

This is why dear friends your prayers for us and this ministry are so vital. We fully appreciate that nothing worthwhile in terms of the Lord's purposes can be accomplished through us unless we ourselves are fellowshiping with Him, seeking His heart and His ways and doing what He wants us to do. You provide for our material resources and this is extremely important. But your prayers for and with us are invaluable! So thank you for your faithfulness on both counts. May He continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe.

Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in Kenya



“Coronavirus,” “COVID-19,” this is essentially all anybody hears about these days. The news channels seem to be covering the pandemic 24/7. Folks all over the world are practicing social distancing and self-isolation, and our friends in Kenya are no exception. All the schools have closed, but unlike with schools around here, the children are not doing any online schoolwork. All of them are at home, and the parents have established safety precautions as we have done. The children and the adults are staying on property, and only the adults are leaving the compound to run essential errands. Others are not allowed onto the compound. Food and supplies are getting more difficult to find, especially for such a large family. Sanitation and hygiene are huge challenges as one can imagine. So, as we pray for ourselves and our local neighbors and loved ones, let’s likewise remember our brothers and sisters in Kenya and those all around the world. Pray for their health and their avoidance of the coronavirus, and also pray, please, for the provision of food and essential supplies.

Other than dealing with the pandemic, school closings, self-isolation, and food shortages, the children, parents, aunts, and uncles are doing well, remaining hopeful in Christ, and praying for us. It is such a powerful testimony to what God has done in and through the GFE Children’s Home that they are thinking about and praying for us when their own lives are more challenging than perhaps ever before.

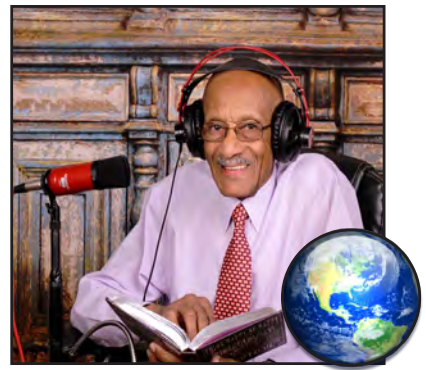
Kenya’s president, Uhuru Kenyatta, declared Saturday, March 21st, a National Day of Prayer, and in his address to the nation, he said, “...we cannot ignore the need to turn to God. In these circumstances as we have done in the past as a nation, we have always turned to God first to give thanks for the many blessings that He has bestowed on our nation. But we also turn to God to share our fears, our apprehensions, but also to seek His guidance and ever-present protection...Let us join hands together...let us pray for our country, let us pray for our unity. Let us pray to see this pandemic resolved and let us pledge to love one another, to live in peace and harmony with each other and let us pray that the world will once again refocus itself on those things that are good, on those things that are virtuous, on those things that are peaceful. May God bless you all and may God bless the Republic of Kenya.”

The children and caregivers have expressed their appreciation and gratitude for their sponsors and all the people who love them, visit them, message them, pray for them, and financially support them. Pam and I, too, love and appreciate all the folks who have invested in the lives of these children financially, prayerfully, emotionally, and physically.



The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry *with Audley Mclean* Serving the Lord by World Radio

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March, 2020. One year ago I began my update to you by saying, ‘just writing that date, looks and feels awkward.’ If that was true then, you can probably empathize with how much more awkward it feels, now that another crowded year has passed.

Time and space are not sufficient to recall all the good, the bad and the in-between that has happened in just the three months of this new year. World turmoil, Coronavirus, Political upheaval and.... But blessed be God, He is not taken by surprise. Then, I thought, when our Lord was here on earth, there was turmoil, there was political upheaval. There was rejection of the truth that there is in Jesus. It was no better when the early Apostles told the story.

What I am saying is that in these dark days we ought to shine more brightly. We are on the winning side.

You have been a large part of what we do in sending rays of Divine Sunlight out over radio and via Web technology. Well did Habakkuk prophecy:

“For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.” because of your prayerful partnership the word of the Lord is moving across the airwaves and through cyberspace. The Lord, Himself will bring the reward you are due, but we thank you.

Just like the wind blows a seed from one part of the earth to another, where it germinates and grows, bringing bloom and fruit, so your prayers and our presentations reproduce the life of Christ in many whom we may never meet on earth. One day, in heaven you may meet someone who will let you know that they came to faith in Christ through the radio ministry of the Bible Speaks or that they surrendered to full time ministry through the ministry of Word of Inspiration. To our God be glory.

I must share with you one very special note of rejoicing. During the first quarter of this year we were blessed to welcome into our ranks, a dedicated servant of the Lord, who will join us in the breaking of the Bread on radio. Please help me welcome Dr. Fred Ball, from whom you will be hearing in the days to come.

Dr. Ball is from Decatur, GA and is currently the Principal of Passage Christian Academy of Gainesville, FL. His background is in the field of Applied Christian Worldview and Apologetics. He holds a Doctorate degree in Christian Thought from American University and much more, which we will share in the future.

Dr. Ball is no stranger to radio ministry, having hosted his own “The Oracles of God Radio Apologetics” call-in radio broadcast in Atlanta, GA.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, we encourage you to “pray at all times, in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication and also for me that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth to boldly proclaim the mystery of the Gospel...”

As you pray, I have to share with you that I have just heard from our Treasurer that giving for the expenses of the broadcast is down for the first part of this year. We do not want to be forced to drop stations and ask for your help in this emergency. Please prayerfully consider what you can do in the form of a special sacrificial gift at this time.

Thank you for your part in proclaiming the battle for truth.

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



Shoes we purchased for all the staff and children at the orphanage. The orphanage was thrilled to pick out new shoes for everyone.



Ice Cream treats for the orphanage kids. A mixture of fruit and nuts ice cream that was the favorite of all.



An outside church organization celebrated a girl's birthday along with a meal for the whole orphanage. The meal was really special and all the kids loved it.



I gave my testimony to a crowd of 700 explaining that God would use anyone who was available, regardless of their past.



A young man and woman were engaged and they had a celebration that was very memorable.



I sold Bibles to anyone who wanted one at 1/2 the price I paid for them. I wanted them to have an investment in them; of course, if they couldn't afford it I gave them to them.



Purchased a bicycle for a boy who had just lost his father.

Sharath (the pastor I stayed with in India) and I are back in the United States for a week and a half. In two weeks we will be going to Trinidad if there are flights available. Please pray for our travels.

The Truelove Family

*Austin, Kaelee, Sabashtian, Katianna,
Majolie, Mirette & Ariella*

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Psalm 68:19 "Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up. God is our Salvation."

We continue to pray that this year brings blessings to each of your lives. Despite the many difficulties we collectively face, God's amazing providence and comfort continues to awe us. When we look, we see his Salvation.



New foundation with old home in back



Takes only one day for the roof



Family in front of their new home

During the latter part of February, Austin took a break from his pilot training and went back to Haiti with the goal of building the home for the lady (Madam Time), mentioned in our last update. After some delay, due to a failed brake system on our truck, we were able to begin and complete the home in under a month. It is such a blessing to be able to help this single mom and her four children.

Though we do not advertise our work, Austin continues to be inundated with requests for help. It is often discouraging to see so much need when we can only respond to a small percentage of that need. Thus, we rely on our Lord's direction in deciding who to help next. We stand by our motto: "Do for one what you cannot do for all."

Our little patient, Michel, has successfully completed both of his surgeries, and is now back home with his family. Unfortunately, we are not able to share the video sent to us by his parents of him dancing to music in his hospital crib. We are overjoyed to hear and see his progress. Praise the Lord!!

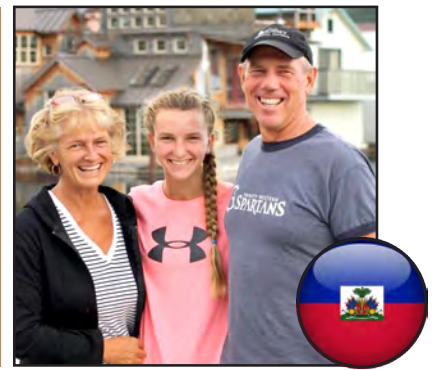
Now more than ever, the situation in Haiti continues to strengthen Austin's resolve in pursuing his pilot's license. The day Austin came back, the US Embassy issued a "Do Not Travel" advisory for Haiti, due to violent crime, kidnapping, and unrest. Regardless of advisories, traveling to Haiti should always be a cautious endeavor.

Kaelee's pregnancy continues to progress well with a due date of May 24th. We hope to use the time we have in the States to plan and raise funds for future projects, improve the family's fluency, especially Kaelee, in Haitian Creole, and complete Austin's flight training. Please pray for God's blessing in our pursuit of these activities.

We thank you for your continued prayers and generosity. May God continue to work in you and through you!

Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support, even during these difficult times. It seems that the world has changed so much in the past week and we know that you all have been affected. A few weeks ago we hosted a weekend for the missionaries here at Camp Mahanaim. It was the first time that the missionary retreat had been held here and it went really well and was a time of fun, fellowship and encouragement.

We had great weather and enjoyed many activities including the floating lanterns. It was special as we realized that we all have different ministries here in Haiti, and the lanterns reminded us that when released together they illuminate the darkness around us.



Thanks again to those of you who are faithfully praying for Joseph, Stanley and Berlin. These three young men minister at the Renault Sunday school with us, and are hungry to learn more from the bible each day.

God is using them to preach powerfully each Sunday morning and then on Sunday afternoons they find their way out to the camp to study the bible with us. Deb always puts soda pop and cookies out, and these boys don't even acknowledge the food and drink, they are so consumed with the Word of God. They have so many questions and this week they were focused on the book of Hebrews. Please continue to pray for them as they live in the ghetto of Les Cayes and they are bothered by all the sin they see around them each day.

We continue to work on projects including our small scale logging operation and some ceramic tile work.



Deb has done a great job with the local kids and the beach area in front of the camp is pretty much free of garbage. The children appreciate the opportunity to work and they do a great job of cleaning things up.

We pray that our Lord will lead and guide us (both you at home and us in Haiti) at this time and use us all to share His gospel with the people around us. There are many people searching for answers at this time.

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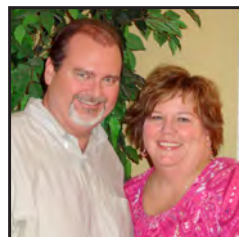
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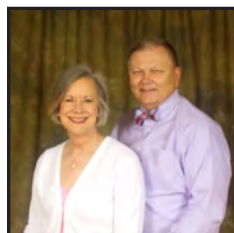
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I want to Praise the Lord for the opportunity to write this newsletter. Let me explain. Twelve years ago I had open heart surgery and had my aorta valve replaced. They told me at the time of that surgery that the new tissue aorta valve would only last about ten years so as you can see, I got two additional years out of that valve. Six months ago I was diagnosed with having a failing aorta valve.

Over the last six months there has been a series of appointments and surgery dates but due to the PANDEMIC none of the dates happened. In March the local hospital stopped doing any kind of surgery other than patients with Coronavirus. Patients other than me (those needing cancer treatment and other kinds of medical attention) were told that we would have to wait.

But God intervened in a miraculous way. A very close friend and ministry partner has two of the very best heart surgeons in the Southeastern U.S. on his board, one of them did my first surgery. Both these surgeons do surgeries in China and North Korea and are very Godly men. My friend arranged for me to have lunch with the surgeon who did my first surgery. He is retired now but said that he would reach out to his partner and he did.

God caused one of the best heart surgeons in the U.S. to come to Ocala and perform my surgery, which was considered VERY HIGH RISK due to this being my second open heart surgery, the fact that I am 72 years old, diabetic, and having to deal with Coronavirus. I had my surgery on June 12th, was in the hospital three days, and am now home recovering. I get stronger with each day that passes. I will be at home for the next 6-8 weeks before going back to work. Please pray for Sandra and me as we work through this recovery. God bless you.



Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



“What is happening with You?” Is a common question to ask someone you haven’t seen in a while?

That is a question we have been getting a lot of lately. This is due to our recent circumstances: Lloyd having a mild operation for enlarged prostate a week ago; also because of the Covid-19 virus which Jamaica is facing, just like you are facing in the US, Europe and in other Caribbean countries; because Wednesday the 27th is Lloyd’s 78th birthday. All of these situations cause us to consider our health and our human mortality. We seek to keep “...our minds stayed on Thee, because (we) he trusteth in Thee.” (Isa. 26:3, and look up Psa.119:165) We are trying to keep trusting in the Lord, and to pay more attention to what we are ‘BEING’ rather than what we are ‘DOING’. But, what indeed do missionaries do (or BECOME) at the age of 78 and beyond?

DOING: Because of the COVID_19 pandemic, we here in Jamaica have been doing much the same things being done in other nations: we are counting how many are infected, how many have died, and how many have recovered and returned home. In Jamaica we have had “552 cases, nine deaths and 211 recoveries.” These numbers may seem small, and we thank God it is not worse, for a country with a population of just over 2.7 million where we all know everybody’s business, this daily focus on the numbers of sick, living and dead can cause much gloom and depression. No longer are we saying “Jamaica, No problem, Man!”

Our government has done a tremendous job of keeping control and reporting to the people on a daily basis all that is happening. It has even instituted a financial ‘CARE’ package to help persons and businesses that have been negatively affected, as was done in the US. All schools are closed down since March, and as graduation time comes around the College where Lloyd lectures will be having a ‘Virtual’ graduation.

Elaine’s outreach into Elementary and High Schools with her medical/moral talks to discourage early sexual activity, “Wait & Win” (similar to Southern Baptists’ “True Love Waits”) is also on hold; as is her ministry in the government remedial education program where she and her church gives financial, practical and motivational encouragement and help on a weekly basis. We look forward to the return to normal school activities when the school year begins after the summer vacation in September.

BEING: As mentioned earlier, we find that we are not DOING as much as we used to in ministry, but we seem to more focused on BEING, as we try to influence new converts, and ‘not yet mature believers’ to develop themselves spiritually in order to attract others to seek after the Lord in salvation and service. As a result we have few numbers to share, in terms of persons saved and converts discipled. We often work more with the few, rather than the many. So our ministries are now more of teaching and encouraging. There are also many who seem attracted to us for counsel, and so we find ourselves sharing of our past activities to encourage and inspire.

What we definitely are not ever going to consider is retirement. For one thing we are home in our own land. What would we do? Just sit down and do nothing? We have already seen the world, within the will of God. We thank you for having become our partners in prayer and financial support. We seek to BE all that God still wants us to BE, so that we can draw others closer to the Lord, until he shall call us home to be with Him in glory!

We trust that these do not seem like morbid thoughts, they are not meant to be. But we just wanted to share with you, our friends and family, that life is intended to be a preparation for the eternal future which God wants us to spend with Him, throughout all of eternity. So, while we await that time of ‘transfer’, let us do all we can to help others prepare and come to KNOW the Lord; and to fall in love with Him, and so become loving worshippers of Him in eternity in His presence.

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda



The following is an excerpt from e-mail sent from Tadeo Katuramu.

“Thank you for my education all through Primary School - Hope School, Christ School, Bundibugyo; Nyakasura School, Ft. Portal and University in Kampala, Uganda and now Kabarak University in Kenya as Family Medicine Doctor. Thank you so much for helping me through all my wedding: Thanks to you and others I am now a married, wedded man. I know the finances involved were a lot, but you believed in me and never gave up on me. I will always be grateful. Carol, is a blessing from the Lord and I am blessed to have her as my wife and life-time friend. Thank you for all your prayers for us as a family. As you know I am currently at the hospital Chogoria still continuing with the program. We feel privileged to be continuing to work and care for patients at the hospital, even sometimes without a mask (because there are few masks), as for the rest of the programs at the University are put on hold. We may be at the frontier of the disease, but the Lord is sparing us for a greater good so I am thankful that we are not stopped from studying and continuing with the program. If all goes well our new semester will start in September. Please pray for us with all this uncertainty because of Covid-19. Our prayers are with you all, that the Lord almighty will keep you safe and continue to provide for you, for when you are provided for, we too are then provided for and the springs of living water may flow through from within you to us and to so many people in the world.”



*Tadeo & his Mom
(1999)*



*Tadeo, Carol & Adriel
(2020)*

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“THE NEW NORMAL”

Many have been asking, “what would the new normal” look like after Covid-19? Some have ventured suggestions; others out of fear perhaps have hesitated to make predictions. But it is very probable countless believe the world as we knew it would be forever changed after this pandemic – whenever that is!

Whatever were our thoughts before, this past weekend has perhaps given us a taste of what it might look like here. Permit us to share.

As you know, we serve in Zimbabwe, Africa. This Country is rich in minerals, arable lands and many hard-working people. But its recent history shows serious political problems coupled with severe economic woes which have resulted, according to the UN, in more than half of its population of about fifteen million within the poverty range.

Zim has had a history of producing maize, soya and other grain and bean crops sufficient to feed her people and to export as well. But for this, much seasonal rain is necessary; and we have not had such rains for the last two years. Many farmers supplement the rains with irrigation but the water table has dropped so low that boreholes (motorized wells) have literally dried up. So they agonizingly continue to drill more and deeper wells. However, a reliable supply of electricity is necessary to keep the fields irrigated; and since this is often difficult to come by, farmers acquire generators or install elaborate solar systems to pump this precious liquid from deep within the earth onto the fields, if they are to expect a harvest at all.

Most homes, both urban and rural, also depend on these wells for domestic needs. For example, during the past five or so years, over a hundred new ones have been drilled within a two mile radius of our home.

We are one of three families on the property where we live, and have also experienced this scarcity of water which ended three weeks ago when the owners were able to drill well number five – the second in a year! We all met and gave thanks to God that we now had this liquid gold gushing through the ground and looked forward to nice hot baths and showers!

But this became a distant dream this past weekend as our power went and has been off for a few days. When there is a breakdown, a generator or a recently installed solar system is called into action but the following day the generator broke down in similar fashion. Okay, you say, “two down; one more to go”? This being our winter (and a brutal one at that!), we have become accustomed to very bright sunny days and rather cool evenings. Everyone looks forward to enjoying the sun in a country where buildings are not heated. However, this past week the sun has been hidden behind unseasonal and dark clouds and more weather of this kind is in the forecast. So, there goes the solar option! The public power supply was restored as we write but a part for the generator is still being sourced. Meanwhile, we continue under indefinite lock down.

The lack of electrical power also meant that we were without internet, our only means of maintaining contact with the persons we work with in our discipleship program.

Who would have thought these three sources of power would have failed us simultaneously? Could the lesson for us here be that we should not take things for granted, but must learn to live without what we would normally consider indispensable? May He grant us all grace to trust Him to live in resilience, one day at a time, in grateful submission to His will and purpose, whatever form the “new normal” takes – and all the more as we see the day of the Lord’s return approaching. And may we be daily encouraged by the knowledge that He is in perfect control and His timing flawless.

Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in Kenya



“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” ~ James 1:27

This has been our ministry’s signature scripture from its inception in 2005. Of course, our primary focus has been caring for orphans and abandoned children, yet these very children have taken the leadership in reaching out to widows in their community during this Covid-19 pandemic. When the folks at the GFE Children’s Home made it known that there were a number of widows in their village and in their church who are really struggling to feed their children at this time, gifts were given to facilitate a ministry to these widows. As the Lord said to Abraham in Genesis 12:2, “I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing,” the children and caregivers of the home likewise recognize that the Lord has blessed them to be a blessing to others.

Recently, the widows of Jua Kali village were invited to the GFE Children’s Home where they were served a meal, heard the gospel, received a word of encouragement, and were presented a gift of food staples to feed their own children. For the elderly and ill widows who could not physically attend the gathering, home visits were made. Please pray for the children and caregivers of the home to continue this ministry as they share the good news of Jesus Christ with folks in the village. Also, gifts of support to help with the feeding of the widows are greatly needed and appreciated.

The schools closed in mid-March due to the pandemic, so the high school students have all been home from their respective boarding schools. With all the pent-up energy from being isolated at the home compound, the children have been exercising, refurbishing their dining room tables, and working on farming projects among other things. They are planting vegetable crops and fruit trees, raising chickens, milking cows, and tending tilapia ponds. They are attempting to become more self-sustaining...a very difficult undertaking for a children’s home in Africa, yet they are trying.

The children and caregivers have remained healthy thus far in this pandemic, and for that we thank God. The quarantine and social restrictions have created many challenges for the home to find the food and supplies that they need. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s provision of all their needs. Pray for the rains to cooperate for the production of crops, and please pray for the children to somehow be able to resume their education.

Thank you for your continued prayers and gifts of support. The children and caregivers of the GFE Children’s Home express their deep love and gratitude for their sponsors and donors. They are faithful to pray for you...many of you by name, and they covet your prayers for them.



Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson Serving the Lord in India



India is still under lock down to a large degree. You could go out for groceries for a couple of hours in the morning. If you were caught outside of your house after that you could be shot.

Joshua, Sharath's son, was in charge of feeding the poor, common laborers. Because they were not working they could not afford groceries so the church reached out. Joshua and the church members cooked food for 600 people every day. They had permission from the police to distribute the food to the needy.

It costs a little over \$100 dollars (US) for the food each day. The supporters in the United States of America provided funds to do the feeding. Some local residents also made some provisions for this project.

Two homes housing eight families burned down in a raging fire. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the families were left with nothing. Joshua arranged a care package for all of the families that included cooking utensils, food and clothing for the survivors. An opportunity for the church to reach out again and friends from the USA helped out. The church was one that Sharath has ministered at several times.

Vijayasree, a local girl from Razole, was working in Kuwait when her master contracted CVOID-19 Coronavirus. She was tested and the results were negative, praise the Lord!

Locust were headed for India through the country of Pakistan. Sharath had the church in Razole pray and they were stopped.

I was preparing to order my return plane ticket to India this month, but funds were not provided and India is still not receiving international travelers. In the meantime, I am still collecting funds from those the Lord is leading to give. If the Lord is speaking to your heart to support me and help me return to India when I can, please send your donations to Harvest International, Inc., PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478.

Thank you so much for your continued support. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Be blessed.



Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



We live in uncertain times, but we are so thankful that Jesus is our Anchor through the storms of life! Here in Haiti, the covid-19 virus is spreading, and lock down continues, but we are keeping busy. We receive visitors each week who need medical care and help.



We share coconuts, breadfruit, and mangoes that are grown right here in the yard.



Deb and I spent several days repairing the gravel road that leads into the camp. Deb did a great job of driving the dump truck!



The local young people are very excited about volleyball, which is now 2 on 2, so as to respect social distancing policies. Thanks to the Grand Rapids, Michigan friends, we were able to change to using L.E.D fluorescent lights in the gym, so now we can use the gym on solar power without starting the generator. This has worked well for the 2 on 2 volleyball, as the gym is pretty much open all day, week days. As soon as 2 teams leave the yard, 2 more come in.

Thanks to each of you who sent Katie graduation wishes. Katie has taken up pottery and is really enjoying it. We found a clay deposit in the yard, so she has plenty of clay to work with. Katie's potter's wheel is a variable speed Dewalt drill connected to an old rear end from a 4 wheeler. The guys do a nice job of harvesting the clay and preparing it for use.



Thanks for praying for our young Sunday school helpers. They continue to do a good job of distributing "manna packs" to the all the homes in the poor areas near the Sunday school each week.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support and communication. It is always such an encouragement for us to hear from you! Katie made a short video showing the Sunday school helpers delivering manna packs. If you like you can watch it on YouTube at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XVvPesZiapY&t=19s>.

Our son Tim continues to make videos also, and here is a link to a video he made about his friend Luke Eliason; <https://www.castanet.net/news/Kamloops/301290/VIDEO-Kamloops-man-showcases-paralyzed-friend-s-resilience>.

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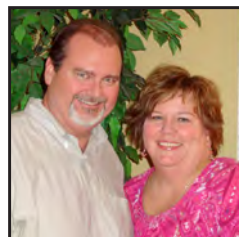
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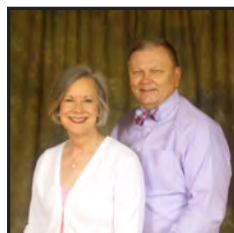
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Since October of 2016 Harvest has responded to disasters by sending over 2,000 buckets to several countries that were devastated due to hurricanes. We are trying to meet the need for our "Buckets of Love" in responding to the devastation of Hurricane Laura that caused damage to Lake Charles, Louisiana. We no sooner started to assemble the Buckets that we heard about Hurricane Sally causing damage to Pensacola. The request for "Coolers" came from the Cajun Navy and Harvest is responding. We have sent two pallets to Pensacola and are working on another two pallets for them. We are also packing two more pallets to send to Lake Charles, Louisiana.

We are still asking for donations of \$50.00 to sponsor a Cooler full of supplies to send to Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Sally survivors. You can give online at Buckets of Love . Below are some pictures of the teams of volunteers who have come to help fill the "Buckets (Coolers) Of Love that we will be sending in October. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



Pastor Ryan Toler and Youth Team from South Ocala Baptist Church



*Pastor Rocky Shrable and staff,
Wings of Faith Fellowship Church*



*Sister Shirley Wright and the ladies of
New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church*



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Harvest International's Buckets of Love Disaster Relief Project

Natural disasters occur all over the world. They can devastate the landscape and leave victims without basic necessities to survive.

Since October of 2016 Harvest has responded to disasters with our Buckets of Love project. We have sent thousands of buckets filled with relief supplies to countries that have been devastated by hurricanes and other natural disasters. We were able to be a part of the relief efforts to Antigua, Bahamas, Dominica, Haiti, Houston TX, Puerto Rico, South Florida and Mexico Beach Florida.



The bucket is one of the most useful items we send. Buckets can be used to sit on, store items, get water, wash clothes, and a variety of other uses. Inside the bucket we send food, hygiene products and other survival items as they become available. These supplies have been very helpful to the people that receive them after having lost everything.

If you feel led to help with our Buckets of Love project you can sponsor a bucket for \$50.00. This covers the cost of all the items plus shipping. Please keep us in your prayers as we work for the Lord helping those in need. God bless you.



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Buckets of Love

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Some of the items included are

a bucket with lid, a tarp, a towel, toilet paper and a flashlight with batteries.

We also include...

Hygiene Packets



washcloth, soap, shampoo, conditioner, tissue, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, shave cream, razor, hairbrush, comb and a plastic bag

Food Kits



water, rice pack, milk, fruit, cookies, cereal, soup, canned meat, pudding, granola bar, crackers, hot sauce, utensils, wet wipes and a mint

Randy & Debbie Bullock

Serving the Lord in Romania



Greetings everyone! I need to give you all a update of what is going on in Romania. It has been a very interesting year all over the world with this virus going around. We had some camps and teams planned for this summer, but that all got cancelled. They were going to have thier own camp for the children from Dumbrava, but the Government cancelled all camps or gatherings, so they just did activities at the center there in Dumbrava with the children. So far the children there in Dumbrava have been healthy.



There is some exciting news, Rebe which has worked with us for many years got married in August to a very nice young man (David).

We do have some needs, the Gypsy center there in Dumbrava which many of you all have been to, and helped there with blood sweat and a few tears. It is in need of a new roof, they use tile over there on hand built wood trusses, it is the wood that is starting to give way. If any of you all would like to donate toward that you can send it in to Harvest, with a note for the Roofing project in Dumbrava.



In these difficult times that we are experiencing all over the world, we need to keep our hearts turned to the Lord. In Psalms 139: 5-6 I think says it best. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there too, your reassuring presence coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful, I can't take it all in! (The Message) God is in control.

I want to thank you all for your prayers for me as I continue to deal with Lyme's.

Well that is all for now, please continue to pray for Ade, Manu, Rebe, David, Becky, Sammy, Roxy and Flaviu as they continue to minister and serve there in Romania.

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



SUCH A TIME AS THIS!

As I am writing this, I am also watching the Franklyn Graham led Prayer March 2020 taking place at the Washington Mall, as they are presently praying at the fourth of seven locations. They are at the National Museum of Human History and Cultural Understanding. Daryl Strawberry and Dr. Alveda King are praying for America and for racial understanding. We join with you our friends and relatives both in Jamaica and in the United States for God's intervention in these difficult times. We seek His intervention for peace and for racial equality. Both our nations need His working in hearts and lives everywhere. We Believe God!

We still face the dangers and fears of the Covid-19 virus. Here in Jamaica we have had 77 deaths out of a total of 5600 persons who have tested positive. So far, our government has spent \$5.6 billion (US\$39,163) since March for testing, protective equipment for medical personnel, as well as for quarantined housing (in hotels, which were closed) for Jamaicans who had returned from working on cruise ships and unable to return home. One of those was Elaine's grand-nephew whom we had been brought up in our home for more than ten years while he finished school and was trained in food preparation. He has been privileged to work in some of Jamaica's great hotels before getting a job on a Norwegian cruise ship. This job took him on the Pacific Ocean to as far as Australia and New Zealand. He is back home, after quarantining at the government's expense.

Jamaica has just set up a field-hospital, which is a gift from the US government. We need to purchase two others shortly to house other Covid-19 sick patients. Children who have been out of school since March were getting ready to return to schools in early October. But, due to objections from the teacher's union, it has been decided there will be no face-to-face teaching in October. They are now preparing to do so by viral means. A problem they have is that many rural parts have no Wi-Fi service; others do not have tablets or other connectivity. We are facing similar situations as you in North America.

Health-wise we are very fortunate to have no particular old-age medical issues, thank God. Only Lloyd has his difficulties with insomnia. He has sought every way he knows to get relief, short of sleeping pills. In October he will be doing a diagnostic colonoscopy. The cost is not too expensive, so Elaine feels it will help to find out why Lloyd doesn't put on eight.

Another change that has been brought on by the Covid-19 virus is the method of teaching for the new College/School year. All classes are being taught on-line. This semester he is teaching Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Growth. Lloyd has had a particular problem using the Learning Management System. He has needed to have his tech-assistant with him to take care of any problems. This has been at some cost to him. But he has had two weeks of good lessons with the 20 students. All the lecturers face the same problems with varying degree of difficulties. Pray for Lloyd greatly: he needs it.

Our churches have likewise had to adjust. Most summer ministries were greatly affected. Some churches were closed down and some are still having virtual services, with many missing the face-to-face fellowship. Fortunately, our government has not asked us not to sing at our services, though we do observe all the other conditions in our services. Funerals have been specially affected, with only fifteen persons allowed at internments, inclusive of the ministers and mortuary helpers. Jamaicans love our funerals, and don't appreciate being restricted in any way while putting away their dead. Not to mention our party goers who give the Police problems each weekend, despite curfew beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Hurricanes have not been problematic to us this season. We have been fortunate as most storms have taken a more northerly path this season, giving the Caribbean area little reason for concern, thank God. We are glad that Haiti and Puerto Rico has not been affected so far this year.

Like our North American friends, Jamaica has faced parliamentary elections in early September. Without absentee balloting, the turnout was reduced. The party in government was returned with a surprisingly large majority. It was conducted under Covid-19 conditions which meant very little public campaigning. This made it quite peaceful. We thank God for the results and pray that the new government members and cabinet will do a good job, absent of the usual corruption accusations. Pray with and for us. Soon after the elections, a leading political activist of the last 50 years passed away. He was recently affected by the epidemic. His passing will greatly affect the future of his political party.

Pray for Lloyd as he seeks to complete his historical research and writing the one hundred year history of his denominational movement. Much financial aid will be needed toward the publication. He is hoping to find financial sponsorship from a number of local sources. Do pray that this will be taken care of soon.

Recent telephone calls from two different sources about wanting to develop technological platforms to get Lloyd's two missions books to public use in local churches, seem promising. Do pray as we try to get both of these sources to work together to get the stories out to our Christian public, to encourage greater missions' activities. This has come about as a surprise to us. We would love to see God using these books to get more interest and involvement in missions throughout the Caribbean churches. This would be a new area of service for him. May God guide Lloyd to know how much time and involvement he can wisely give to this.

We are watching the political actions and reactions taking place in the United States. The whole world is affected positively or negatively by what happens in the States. May righteousness ever rule, and God's people discern what God is doing as well as what Satan is doing to destroy the foundations of that country's founding principles. May Godly people know how to vote so that God's will is done.

We thank God for the faithfulness of those who stand with us by financial support. We depend greatly upon their prayers and provision of our every need. God is at work within us as we make ourselves submissive to God's will in our lives and ministries. May God always get the glory! Keep us in your prayers, please.

Haitian Center for Inclusive Education with Dr. Don DeVito

Serving the Lord in Haiti



We are happy to share that the 1st year of our approach to inclusion at the HCIE has resulted in a chapter coming out this month in the Oxford Handbook of Social Media and Music Learning. The chapter is entitled, “Vini Ansanm” Come Together for Inclusive Community Music Development in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The professional development and STEAM based access to education the children with disabilities are receiving thanks to Gertrude Bien Aime, Jamie Schumacher and Hannah Ehrli (2012 National Council for Exceptional Children Teacher of the Year) is inspiring.

Given the multiple barriers to educational access Haitian children with disabilities face, one wonders if colonialism, catastrophic events, poverty, political instability, cultural biases, and toxic charity could be looked at as insurmountable within the Haitian context. It is, however, through access to education that the need for social justice within the country can be addressed. Haiti has long been a recipient of charitable work and contributions, but it is important to differentiate between charity that perpetuates the status quo and that which enables conscious restructuring for the common good.

This HCIE field report presents a case study of social media engagement learning, with an emphasis on social justice, which has contributed to sustainable efforts, even as Haiti’s electricity grid is underserved. Social media has proven invaluable in several ways. First, social media has helped to provide continued professional development for Haiti by enabling sustainable local structures. More specifically, social networks have established support for the development of a school that employs social justice to address the ways in which children with disabilities are perceived and treated in Haiti, particularly and specifically as supported thorough community music development. Additionally, social media has largely enabled and supported the professional development of the school’s teachers—a population that has been historically underserved (i.e., Haitian teachers of children with disabilities). Such professional development has been integral in supporting the social justice mandate of this school, both in general and as it related to music education.

While a lack of inclusion opportunities are an unfortunate reality in Haiti we are working collaboratively to improve, we are praying for support to continue our work with the added challenges of Covid-19 and a worsening employment situation that makes it nearly impossible for the parents in the community to provide for their children. Unemployment was 90 percent before Covid-19 began to spread. Any donation of support to continue to assist the Haitian Center for Inclusive Education, which provides services for over 100 children in mainstreamed settings, would be greatly appreciated.

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The current Headmaster of Hope Primary School will be retiring on November 1st. Pastor Sam Kasule and Chris Mwesige were the primary movers in starting Hope Primary School in 1997 as an outreach of the New Life Presbyterian Church. Chris has now submitted his retirement papers to the Department of Education and they have been accepted. At the same time our dear adopted son Patrick Kyomunendo, who has been Deputy Headmaster and is a Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project graduate in 2001 has been approved as the next Headmaster - Praise the Lord Jesus. Patrick's e-mail to us about this special event reads as such: "Dad, we had a successful meeting over the retirement of the headmaster and getting a new one for Hope School. Continue to pray for your son, Dad, that he may humbly demonstrate God's desired love and will to the children, staff, and parents and for the entire school and community all for the glory of our mighty God and Father in heaven. Dad, I feel so excited to write to you and so humbled. I pray that God will keep us one in His mighty love."

As you can imagine we are beyond ecstatic and thank Jesus so much. We have supported Patrick in advanced education for the last few years in anticipation of this event. Hallelujah, Amen!



Retiring Headmaster Chris & Wife



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Our hearts go out to all of you who have been affected by the fires, hurricanes and floods. Coping with these natural disasters in the middle of the pandemic makes for challenging times indeed. May our Heavenly Father comfort and provide for you and your loved ones.

Hurricanes are devastating and leave indelible memories. Sixty-five years ago, a very severe hurricane struck our Island of Grenada leaving over 120 dead. Most houses were either destroyed or severely damaged by the fierce winds or raging floods. It was lifechanging for many. As a young boy, the events of that night and the aftermath are forever etched in Dhan's memory.

In the same way, for as long as the Lord tarries, globally, people will be recalling the unprecedented horrors of the Covid-19 experience and its accompanying conspiracy theories. These too are as lifechanging as they are unforgettable.

We remind ourselves that our Heavenly Father is sovereign and completely trustworthy. He always acts with full knowledge and wisdom, makes no mistakes and is working everything out "according to the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11). Therefore, He deserves the unwavering confidence of His children. He tells us in His Word that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."; and what is that purpose? - "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son..." (Rom. 8:28, 29). But it is difficult to hold on to these truths when we are in the middle of the battles. Our hope and prayer for us and for His Church is that we all remain focused so that we will all come out of this unique period in better spiritual shape and closer to what the Father has planned for us - Christlikeness.

One of our lasting memories from this experience would be what we have been seeing among some 'Churched' people, both young and old, who are no longer contented merely with being members of a church. They have chosen not to grumble about the restrictions imposed on them "under lockdown" but instead use the opportunities afforded by modern technology to meet with others, weekly, via What's App, Zoom or other platforms to engage in meaningful study of the Scriptures that they might come to truly know the Lord - and all that this means. During these virtual meetings, the Scriptures are read followed by great interaction, all subject to internet connectivity of course! One of the great things is that it often involves their family members in the diaspora. Wow! Additionally, some are also meeting in small groups while observing the health protocols. It is nice to see faces light up as they hear passages of Scripture explained - not necessarily along traditional lines, but in a way that draws them to the Lord in reverence and desire for Him. Yes, we see a new desire for that kind of activity - study, discussion, fellowship, breaking of bread - on a regular basis. And, oftentimes, this interest flows into service as well.

We are not yet seeing a great revival, but this is a welcome and encouraging start. Already, we have seen Him do great and mighty things. Alleluia! We welcome these new opportunities and are so blessed in helping people to know their Lord and their God in a new and meaningful way. We can honestly say that we are now busier than we were before last March. This for us, is another reason to remember Covid.

Thank you so much for the privilege of your partnership in this ministry, both by your faithful prayers and financial support. We also remember the great service being rendered to all of us missionaries by the Harvest Team, for the love of the Lord. We hope you all share our excitement and would join us in giving praise to the Lord for His excellent greatness. May His blessings rest upon you and yours.

Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in Kenya



Mum Donna and Mum Tina, as our Kenyan friends affectionately call them, raised a little money for the kids to have a celebration in the midst of this Covid pandemic. Well, I accurately predicted that their celebration would consist of a chicken dinner, and that is exactly what they did. To make the meal particularly celebratory, the kids were served Fanta drinks as well. While we may take a chicken dinner with a soft drink for granted as a simple meal, it is indeed a real treat for the kids at the GFE Home. Thank you to the friends who provided that meal!

“The Lord blesses everyone who freely gives food to the poor.” Proverbs 22:9 CEV

While so many educators, parents, and students in the U.S. have had considerable consternation over online studies vs. in-school studies since this pandemic began, there is at least some forward movement taking place. Our friends in Kenya have not had such an experience. In July, the government of Kenya essentially canceled the school year (January through December 2020). In other words, students are required to repeat the school year when sessions resume in January 2021. This decision compounds the hardships caused by this pandemic. There has been no opportunity for our kids to continue school virtually, so it is understandable how and why this decision was made, yet the repercussions are far reach-ing. Please pray for our students and all students in Kenya to be able to resume their educational pursuits, and pray for the provision of school fees when the schools do reopen.

“Listen to instruction and do your best to learn.” Proverbs 23:12 CEV



The ongoing school closure allows opportunity for the children and caregivers to continue pursuit of agricultural and home improvement projects. A generous donor provided a posho mill to grind corn into meal. However, the immediate use of the posho mill has been hindered because the electrical power supply to the children’s home is insufficient to operate the mill. Raising funds to secure the necessary upgrade to the power supply is one of the immediate needs, as well as provision of the funds needed to complete the construction of a small building to house the mill and to store corn. There is great excitement about the mill not only at the children’s home but also in the surrounding village of Jua Kali. The mill will provide an income stream because the older kids and adults from the children’s home can operate the mill to grind corn for others in the village for a small charge.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 ESV

Earlier this week, one of our older boys, James, who is now a young adult and doing animal husbandry for the children’s home, had to have emergency surgery to repair prolapsed hemorrhoids. We thank the Lord for the generous donors who paid for this surgery. It was successful, and James is recuperating well. It seems hemorrhoids are very common among Kenyans because of their diet and reluctance to drink ample amounts of water, no doubt. Several years ago, two of our mission team members who are nurses conducted a very informative and entertaining workshop which they called Stool is Cool for the kids and caregivers. The subject of hemorrhoids is ordinarily off limits for conversation among our Kenyan friends, but as foreigners and professional nurses, they had opportunity to address the matter. The residents have had fewer incidences of hemorrhoids since the workshop, yet old eating habits are hard to break. Please pray for James’ recovery and the health and well being of the children and care-givers.



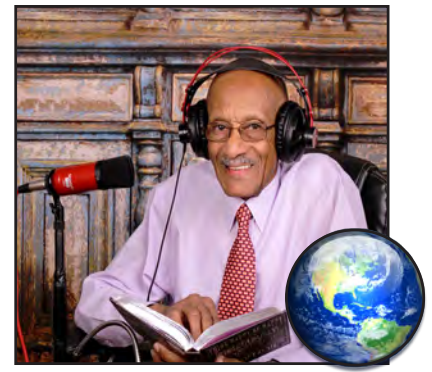
“O LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you have healed me.” Psalm 30:2

Our Kenyan friends continue to express their appreciation and gratitude for their sponsors and all the people who love them, visit them, message them, pray for them, and financially support them. Pam and I, too, love and appreciate all of you who have invested in the lives of these children. We covet your prayers for them, and be assured they are praying for you!



The Bible Speaks Radio Ministry *with Audley Mclean* Serving the Lord by World Radio

The Shepherd 96.3 / 103.5 FM



Devastating, destructive, frightening, even Cataclysmic, are adjectives that may describe the months of 2020, so far.

My brothers and sisters, you have lived through these days which have been like none we have ever experienced and perhaps you may even have adjectives you wish to add.

I assure you that I have a lot to report concerning the blessings of God throughout this season, however, I would like to yield my time to our great brother, the Apostle Paul. He speaks of suffering, not as a national, or even international proportions. He speaks of trouble addressed to him, designed for his hurt and pain. He was not marked out for the pain and hurt because he had done some wrong or broke some law. His was all for the cross of Christ. Paul was experiencing what Jesus said each of His followers would be subject to.

I introduce my brother, Paul (2 Corinthians 4:4-18).

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 1 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

As it is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

I promise to write to you shortly, reporting on the ministry of The Bible Speaks. It will not be long. Maranatha!

Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson

Serving the Lord in India



I pray I am in INDIA by the time you receive this update. I am still waiting on India to open their airways to tourists but I still have many needs to be met.

Enclosed are pictures of the 600 people that are being fed every day by Gospel Fellowship of India. It costs about \$100 US dollars a day to meet the needs of the people. If you would like to be a part of this ministry you can donate online at www.HarvestInternational.org.

I'm still believing God for all the needs I mentioned in my last update. Be faithful to what the Lord speaks to your heart and it will all work out.



The Truelove Family

*Austin, Kaelee, Sabashtian, Katianna,
Majolie, Mirette & Ariella*

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Most of us have experienced a passing thought becoming a reality. A recent example for us is the ambulance project. Nearly two years ago we noticed the need for more emergency vehicles in our area in Haiti. After only a couple months of fundraising, God has seen it fit provide for this need. Austin and a friend drove about 5 hours (one-way) to purchase the vehicle. The previous owner said that he had search for three years before finding that specific vehicle. Thank you for your prayers! God is so good!



Ready for its Haiti Excursion



Jean Fouca's New Roof

We are so blessed to have a capable team in Haiti. This past couple of months, our team has been able to coordinate building a roof for a young man. We normally focus our efforts on families especially with young children and other vulnerable family member. However, this young man had demonstrated so much effort that Austin could not pass up the opportunity to help with building his roof. Another blessing is that the roof was completed before the hurricane season set it.

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Please pray for these needs:

- The Holy Spirit's guidance in our efforts on mission field
- Safety and provision for our friend, Ilioner, in Turkey
- Safe traveling for Austin and his Dad, George as they take the vehicle to Florida to be shipped to Haiti
- Safe travels for our family back to Haiti (October 1st)
- The political and general status of Haiti
- More funding for the Filter Project (\$25 per filter)
- More funding for the Build-A-Home outreach (\$7,000 per home)

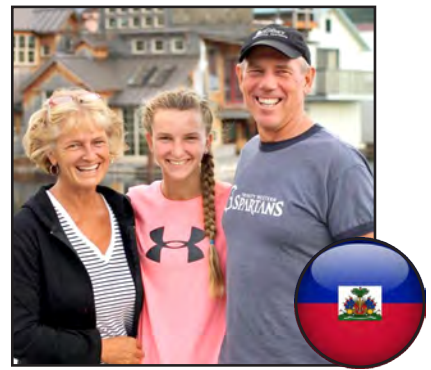


Another Successful Filter Distribution

May the peace of our Lord remain in your hearts, he is our Hope!

Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Thank you so much for watching, praying and asking about us as Tropical storm Laura passed through Haiti yesterday. We are very thankful for the Lord's care and that the river wall held firm through the flood. The yard was full of water, but other than banana plants, there was no damage done.

Our Sunday school helpers have faithfully delivered "Manna Packs" for 4 months now going from home to home on both sides of the Ravine. These young men have delivered about 100 boxes (3,600) manna packs per week to the poorest most needy people. School has now restarted in Haiti and also we have a very low supply of Manna Packs, so this month we have stopped the distributions. We are hoping to be able to begin Sunday school in the very near future again, Lord willing.



We have had a summer full of volleyball ministry this year, which has mainly focused on the children in our village. We had several 30 team ongoing tournaments, plus 2 on 2 tournaments when social distancing was required. Katie led a week long training session on setting which went really well. Also, Katie organized and hosted a wrap up party for her volleyball team; the Angels. 9 years ago we began playing volleyball with this group of young girls from our village. They are now young ladies and although we never made it to the Olympics with them, they are great volleyball players and they all serve the Lord. Katie and a few of the Angels were able to participate in the Canadian; Athlete's in Action total athlete online volleyball camp this month. It was a great opportunity for the girls and they had fun.



Rod turned 60 this month. He enjoyed working with his friend the Bobcat on his birthday.

Deb is always organizing and caring for all the different young people that work with us. These young people helped us run the volleyball tournaments this summer.



This is our friend Wendy, who is growing up. 4 years ago, before hurricane Matthew, we gave Wendy a job selling coconuts and bags of ice to the people of the village. Due to the extreme heat that we have been having this summer, our neighbors asked if Wendy could begin selling ice again, so he comes during the week and does a great job and all the proceeds go to him.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers and for sending things. We are able to give out food, clothes and even prizes, thanks to those of you who continue to send. Thanks also for your prayers for our Harvest director; Mr. Danny Thomas. We are very thankful that his open heart surgery went well and he is back on the job.

The Harvest Family

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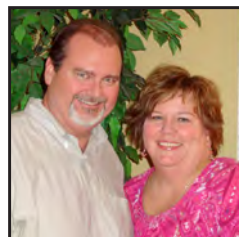
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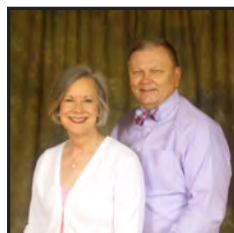
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What a year this has been. Sandra and I just celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary. Last year at this time all of you were concerned with my health. I was scheduled to have my second "Open Heart Surgery" and it got canceled until June of 2020. All of you know that God intervened and moved on the heart of one of the top Heart Surgeon in the United States to come to Ocala and perform my surgery. It has been six months and I am doing well. Then we got the news that Sandra needed a Biopsy due to some bleeding. But God answered all of your prayers. Her doctor called to tell her that everything is NORMAL and she does not need the procedure. Thank you Jesus!



I wish I could say the same for Harvest. As you know the ministry has taken a huge financial hit over the last six months. None of us have received a salary in the last four months. Pam and Cassie have found other jobs but continue to serve Harvest. Pam works from home and comes in on Friday to pick up receipts and documents, Cassie comes in on Tuesdays for several hours and tries to catchup on weekends. Ethel comes in two days a week and does all the deposits and mail outs. I am in and out of the office everyday trying to keep everything going. I am grateful to the Lord for such a dedicated staff that continues to volunteer. I am glad this year is almost over.

The GOOD NEWS is that in light of all that has happened we have still managed to keep providing support for all of our missionaries on the field. Not one of our missionaries has come home or is planning to come home. Praise the Lord!



Speaking of missionaries, I want to remind you to keep Alan May in your prayers. This will be Alan's first Christmas without Pam. I can't imagine how painful that is. The light at the end of the tunnel is that Alan knows, without a shadow of a doubt, that Pam is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are all praying for you Alan.

In closing this letter Sandra and I want to wish all of you a very happy and safe New Years celebration and a better year (2021) than the one we have just been through.

Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



DO NOT FEAR, THERE IS BETTER ON BEFORE!

Christmas is upon us, as we face with you all the FEAR that seems to envelope our world. But the first Christmas occurred in a somewhat similar situation, and God's answer to the darkness that overshadowed Israel (the Northern Kingdom) at that time was the sending of His Son, Jesus 'the Light of the world'.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isa. 9:2) "...that was the true Light which gives light to every man... coming into the world." (John 1:9+)

As believers in Christ we can face unknown eventualities because we have His promise "I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." So, we will not bow to fear!

COVID-19 in JAMAICA

The Covid-19 news from Jamaica is not much better, in terms of averages, than that coming to us from the USA and from Europe. With a national population of just under three million citizens we presently our national numbers says that we have had nearly 12, 000 infections, with 3010 active cases, 279 deaths, 112 in hospitals with 9 being in critical condition.

Like you we watch the evening news with hesitation, and often wonder why the media seems to be always hyping the numbers. Fortunately, we have had no other family members here in Jamaica or 'abroad' coming down positive with the virus, praise God! Elaine remarked that, as we sit down listening to the news "with uncertainty and gloom, the Lord brought to my mind the lines from Charles Wesley's hymn "Light and Life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings." The Christian's Christmas hope is good all the year long.

LLOYD finds himself bogged down with writing exams for the two Colleges at which he has taught courses this year: Regent College of the Caribbean, and Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. He has been teaching a course on Evangelism, while at the Graduate School he has been teaching Caribbean Church History. Both have been taught on-Line, rather than the usual face to face. I haven't talked to any teacher who does not prefer face-to face teaching where he can see and interact with his students on a personal basis. There is a certain amount of physical demands and stress which is brought about doing the teaching using the technological services. Lloyd is not competent with technology, but has gotten it done non-the-less. He finds it very stressful. Elaine thinks it is time that he should 'slow down' and perhaps give up some of the things he tries to get done, given his advancing years. He faces his 79th year, and should be now relaxing more. But he feels he should pass on to younger prospective leaders much of what God has enabled him to learn during more than sixty (60) years of Christian service. Please pray with us as we face these challenges.

ELAINE asks that you pray with her for wisdom and guidance as she is praying to start a Sunday School, or Good News Club in a near by community. "This is a big 'yard' with extended families and many children. They would be taught in the 'open air.' We would put up a few stakes and cover them with a piece of tarpaulin. Seats would be pieces of board resting on building blocks. She is hoping to find an assistant from one of the nearby community churches, so they can learn child-evangelism methods and utilize these in other Child evangelism efforts as there are so many local children who do not attend a Sunday School or other religious participation. She would like to begin this outreach early in the New Year. Pray!

Health - Neither Lloyd nor Elaine have any persistent health issues. We praise God for this. Yes, we do face increasing and annoying pains here and there. But no chronic diseases, thank God. Elaine is concerned that Lloyd seems to lose his memory and become confused about issues more than normal. A recent occurrence was while we were playing our favorite board game Scrabble, on a Friday evening.

In addition to the Prostate and Hi-cholesterol blood tests Lloyd does regularly, he recently did an EKG and a brain scan. All his tests have been positive. His Prostate test was very good, but this was expected since he had surgery for this six months ago and is off all medication for this. Only the Brain scan he has not gotten the results on, as he has not yet been back to his doctor to whom the results were sent. But, he is under some pressure as he has to do on-line grading of a test his Regent College students did on the 15th. There are also Term Papers that accompany this Exam.

Elaine also did another medical stress-test recently at the Heart Institute. She does take high blood pressure tablets, but often skips them.

Lloyd recently preached at his assembly on the matter of The Darkness of December and the Light God Shines Upon Us! He addressed the conditions in Israel that Isaiah addressed in Chapters 7-9 where he told of the coming of Immanuel, God with us, to lighten their darkness. The One who would have “the government will be upon His shoulder, And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom.” (Isaiah 9:6-7a). Lloyd emphasized how that time in Israel was not much different that our time of fear and seeming darkness as we deal with the Covid-19 pandemic that faces us. But Israel’s FEAR and darkness gave way to FAITH, as ours should, because God always gives us faith, as well as the PROMISE. As the Hebrew boys, (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Daniel) were to find out, when they refused to Bow to Nebuchadnezzar’s image because of fear, they needed to believe that Better is On Before. As a former Jamaican Political Party leader’s election slogan expressed the same thought Better must Come! For us, for you and for our world “Better is On Before/ Better Must Come.” This is our prayer for you: keep your eyes on Jesus, not on the present uncertainty and paralyzing Fear. Because, God says that “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.” (Isa. 26: 3) KEEP YOUR MIND ON GOD!

We thank our gracious God for your many years of concern for us and your prayers for us and our ministries. May the JOY of Christmas be your constant companion and comfort into the New Year.

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Serving the Lord in Uganda



A letter from Patrick Amooti.

A blessed Sunday to you dear Dad and Mum in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Hope you are all doing well. I have been a bit sick with asthma but am now improving and the rest of the family is doing well.

Dad this is what I needed to share with you for guidance and support.

Here I work so so hard and earn so little to support both myself and the family. I now need to start a dairy cattle project on Zero grazing of about four heads in support of the family income. This concern requires a total of \$6000 to cover both the purchase of two dairy cattle, a grass chopping machine and construction of a place to house those animal. Dad, here one can not survive on government salary alone. It's not enough because the cost of living is so high. One needs to do other projects to supplement his or her income.

Dad am again grateful to you for your special love and care to us. I remember the socks you gave us and advised me to pull up, I also remember when you told me to open my mouth and talk though some times it's not easy Dad. But now am glad that Dad and Mum's hand we completed our house and completed my degree course. Am so grateful and humbled. Thank you and thank you very much may our good and perfect God bless you.

Dad and Mum let me wish you best as we wait to hear from you. A blessed and lovely week to from your beloved son Patrick.



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“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...” ~ Isaiah 9: 1, 2, 6

In our recent re-reading of Genesis 1, we were again struck by the appearance of light at the Lord’s command (v. 3), and how this set into motion six days of action by the Lord which reversed the prevailing formlessness, emptiness and darkness, and brought into being the Creation. The emptiness was now filled by form and what remained of the darkness was exactly what the Lord wanted for His own purposes and the benefit of His Creation. It also seemed to us that “darkness” is a frequently used word in the Bible, as is “light”. But in John’s Gospel, we are assured (Jn. 1:5) that the light has been and still is shining. The darkness has not overcome it despite its best efforts. The Light has always and will always triumph.

We found a lesson here for us – that no matter how deep and persistent the darkness we may be facing, Jesus the Light is the Father’s provision for us; through Him, we do not give up but remain steadfast in faith and thereby have hope. Although the darkness may linger for a while, it cannot overcome the Light!

This year has been a most dark, difficult, and uncertain one for most and, although we Christians do not know when or how this global pandemic will end, we certainly know that God is, and Jesus Christ is still Light and forever will be. So, may we celebrate Him this Christmas more deeply, more meaningfully and more passionately than ever before.

Our deep appreciation to all of you who have been such an encouragement to us and our fellow missionaries. This year has also been a rather hectic one for us and so we look forward to some rest – both physical and spiritual – over the holidays in preparation for resuming our schedule in 2021. May you also find your Rest in Him alone.



Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in Kenya



The children and caregivers of the GFE Children's Home have had a tough time lately, as have I, because they have been mourning the passing of their Mama Mzungu, my beloved Pam. It was a big blow to them to hear of her death. The children already experienced the loss of their Bishop Ben Bahati a few years ago, and now Mama Mzungu. Both Ben and Pam were parent figures to them. So, since most of the children have lost their natural parents, it is particularly painful to now lose another 'parent' in their lives. Their church, Spiritual Life Centre, held a beautiful memorial service to remember and to honor Pam, and many of the children participated in the service. Please pray for them as they continue to grieve, and please continue to pray for me as I likewise grieve.

"The Lord is near the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

In addition to grieving, the kids and caregivers have been challenged by a bizarre school year. Like schools in the U.S., the schools in Kenya closed abruptly in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Then, during the summer, the government announced the school year would be 'canceled,' meaning the students would have to start the current grade over with the new school year in January. Lastly, in October, the government of Kenya announced some students would immediately return to school...grades 4, 8, and 12. The partial reopening of schools has been an odd thing for sure, but it apparently was a reaction to the very unpopular decision to cancel the school year. Students in grades 8 and 12 are considered "candidates," who had to take national exams. The performance of the 8th graders determines who gets invited to attend high school. Lower performing students will not make it to high school. Likewise, the 12th graders prepared for national exams to determine if they would qualify to attend university. The students' results are ranked, so though many students would not likely do well on the exams after 7 months of school closure, the students who rank higher than others will get invitations to high schools or universities. Pray for these students as they still await results of their national exams, and please pray for all the other students who hopefully will return to school in January.

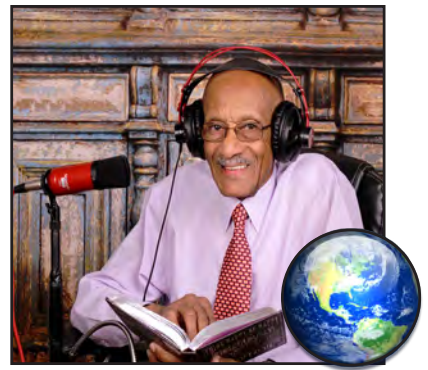
This has been a pretty good year for the GFE Home to expand and maximize their gardens, tilapia ponds, chicken house, and fruit trees. Please pray for the agricultural projects to provide more and more towards sustainability.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support for the kids in Kenya. Unsurprisingly, 2020 has also been a challenging year for financial stability. The cost of food, utilities, and everything else has gone up as the giving of support has fallen off. Please pray for Jehovah Jireh to provide everything the children need to survive and thrive.



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I know that each you reading this letter fit into one or all of these categories by which I have addressed you. To each of you, I extend my gratitude for your loving kindness, your fellowship in life and ministry during 2020.

There is no need for me to remind you of the horrors of the year through which we have passed, so I won't. The news media, the text messages and the "WhatsApps" have already sent you enough dark clouds and smoke and even some fire as well.

If Jeremiah were alive today, he would probably say to the Church (you and me) what he said to the nation of Israel 3,000 years ago: *"But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive."* (Jeremiah 13:17)

The words used in both the Hebrew and the Greek (Septuagint) for "taken captive" in Jeremiah's narrative, bear the same message as the English word, "kidnapped." I ask myself whether that is not also true of the Lord's Church today. Think about it!

May the miracle of the arrival of His Majesty, King Jesus, thrill us all over again. May the glorious power of His resurrection inspire us as we go beyond the cradle to the cross. May the certainty of His return capture our hearts with joyous anticipation and Spirit-driven urgency.

"Look, I tell you, open your eyes and observe that the fields are ready for harvesting now!"
(John 4:35-ISV).

Bountiful blessings for the New Year.

Again, thanks for your prayers and financial help in ministry.

Faith Foundations International *with Ray B. Nelson* Serving the Lord in India



Greetings in Jesus name.

Thank you very much for your precious prayers and supports for our ministry in India.

We are doing fine by His grace and through your precious prayers. I believe in the Lord that every thing is well with you and your precious family. I am so thankful to the Lord for keeping all of us safe during these days. I like to bring to your information about what the Lord is doing here.

Last week of the last month and the first week of this month we were warned about three cyclones in a row are going to hit the southern states of India. Prior to these cyclones another cyclone Niver badly hit these states. People were very much concerned about these cyclones. One day I was teaching the Word and said about the authority of Jesus in the heaven and on earth. He delegated His authority to His Disciples. As His Disciples if we understand the principle of authority we will see the Word works. Jesus said to His Disciples if they have faith of a mustered seed and tell to the malberry tree be uprooted and planted in the sea, it will obey. I told the congregation that name the cyclone and command with the delegated authority to be weakened in the ocean. Praise God we did not have a single drop of rain. Praise God.

I taught the congregation for Corona virus. This virus and invisible enemy God commanded the enemy to go the the desert areas. Based on the scripture we commanded the virus to go. Praise God the cases in our area very much decreased.

Yesterday I heard about a strange dicease in an area called Eluru. This place one hundred kilometres away from us. All of a sudden people become epileptic and fell on ground. No one knows why this is happening. A team from Delhi will be investigating on this. The Lord inspired me to pray. Last night I along with Bible school students bind the enemy behind the situation and loose the Spirit and Life in that area. Praise God.

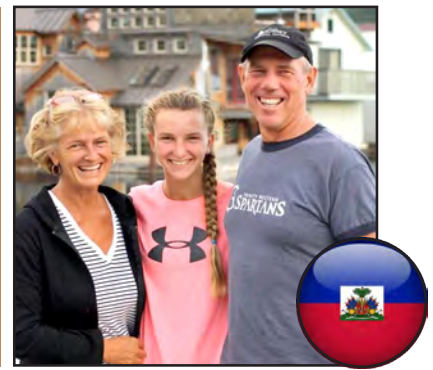
I like to bring to your kind information about a widow I know for a long time. Her name is Adi Lakshmi. She is from a fisherman caste. This is considered as high caste. When she was still young her husband died and left her with four children. In our society it difficult for a widow to be married again and she stayed single for a long time. Later she married a man from another caste which is lower to her caste. Due to this her children and her relatives abandoned her. So she lived with her second husband for some time. After he died his children sent her away from the house. Now she is homeless.

As we are celebrating the Greatest Gift ever given to humanity Jesus, think about bless others a gift. I like to bless this widow construction of house. The budget for this tin roof house will 700.00 USD. If would like to help you can send your blessing to Harvest International, Inc., PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478 and notate "India House". ~ Sharath



Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

Serving the Lord in Haiti



May you have a very blessed New Year's this year! Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement and support. We have appreciated it more than ever this year, and most of all, we are thankful for God's faithfulness unto us.

We've been very blessed to have a few visitors this Fall, including Duane and Ruth from Michigan who shared Thanksgiving with us.

This week we have Steve and Jeff and Steve with us for the week and they are repairing vehicles, and doing numerous projects around the camp which we really appreciate.



Katie does a great job of leading the Sunday school kids in singing every Sunday morning, and she also looks after the technical / computer duties, which is a great help to us.

We spend time in the evenings packaging rice into heat sealed bags. This process not only keeps the bugs out of the rice, but makes it simpler to distribute the smaller packages of rice (rather than large sacks).

Rod continues to use the sawmill. Here he is cutting a mango tree into 2 X10 boards which will be used to make bed frames.



Katie is doing great with her pottery. She is getting ready to glaze these creations.



Volleyball continues at Camp Mahanaim and we have about 20 teams made up of children and youth from our village that play every week. The kids love it when we have granola bars to distribute.

We would appreciate your prayers as we are planning a Christmas camp for these young volleyball players. We have invited Joseph, Stanley and Berlin from the Sunday school to come and be the speakers / evangelists, and we are asking you to pray that God will use us all to really reach these young people with the Gospel. (The camp will be next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Lord willing and there are about 70 young boys in this volleyball group).

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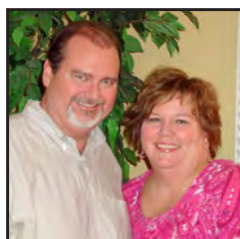
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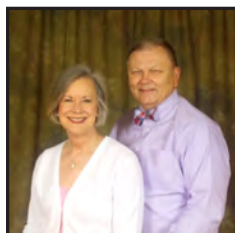
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