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Once again we are gearing up for our travels to Burkina Faso. This makes the 12th year that we have been working with Pastor Paul Kabore. This year's trip will be an exciting time as the church celebrates its 50th anniversary. You might ask, "Why is that so exciting?" Well, unless you have travelled abroad, especially in Africa, you might have the notion to compare this to what might take place in the USA.

In Africa, church festivals attract a lot of people that aren't usually in the seats of the congregation on Sunday mornings. These celebrations are a time of socializing and celebration, but more importantly, they are a time of professing God's Word to one another and testifying to the masses of the Lord's goodness in their lives. The praise and worship steps up a couple of levels as well, with singing and shouting well past the



"usual" time frame.

Lynne and I have been invited to be participants in this week long celebration. Our only regret, even before the trip takes place, is that we will have to leave before the end of the festival. Due to flight schedules and work commitments, we will

leave on Thursday while the celebration continues until Sunday.

The week prior to the festival will also be filled with several events for us. There has been talk of us continuing in deliverance ministry during the daytime hours. Also, conversation about filling our evening hours with evangelistic outreach events has been voiced. However, we won't know exactly what we will be doing until we arrive. I guess that is what the Apostle Paul meant when he penned the statement in **2 Timothy 4: 2, "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season."** There is one thing that I am certain of, the Lord will use us how He determines and it will end in a harvest of lost souls for the Kingdom of the Lord. Since the first trip in 1998, there have been more than 3,500 salvations, not to mention the re-dedications, along with healings and signs, wonders and miracles. It has been such a blessing to be part of this movement of God.

During our stay, we will also have the opportunity to check in with our long-time friend Etienne Kiemde, who runs the only Christian radio station in Ouagadougou. One of our lesser spoken projects is to take CD's and flash drives full of praise and worship music, along with audio bibles, to this station. Radio Evangile Development (R.E.D.) has a signal strength that will reach most of the entire population of 4 million in the capital city. This ministry has been responsible

for reaching thousands of people in Burkina Faso.



The dates for this trip are Nov. 6th—22nd. Right now, we are fundraising to meet our budgeted expenses of \$8,000. We are currently just over 25% of the needed amount. Please pray how the Lord would have you to participate with us during this trip, through prayer and intercession and/or the giving of your finances. **Pastors and church leaders we need your help!** We have a number of open itineration dates in our calendar between now and November and we need to fill them.

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BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

OUR RETURN TO TRIP TO TANZANIA

To say that this recent trip to Tanzania was a success is actually speaking the truth. But, to have been there and seen all that was going on, you might have come up with quite a different conclusion. Lynne and I returned to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on May 7th—23rd to find that many things appeared to have changed. Also, if we had known prior to going of the difficulties we would experience, it would have been a struggle in obedience to God to fulfill our responsibilities.

Some will look at the “numbers” and call our trip a poor stewardship of the Lord’s finances. There were probably a dozen salvations during our trip, as well as the healing of several people of sicknesses and infirmities. But it’s interesting how our culture has reduced the calling of God to a numbers game, deducing that outreaches or services that don’t produce a suitable number of salvations and/or healings, along with signs, wonders, and miracles, are, in fact, not of God. However, the Word of God says something much different. **Isaiah 55:11** says, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.” This verse has proven itself to us through this trip.

The first week was spent ministering with Pastor Popapo Israel at Break-through Church. Pastor Popapo has been our interpreter during each of our three trips to Tanzania. The second week was spent with Pastor David Mchanga at Maranatha Revival Centre. We have known Pastor David since the first trip into Tanzania three years ago, but this was the first time we were able to be with his congregation.

In preparing for this trip, we were supposed to be conducting evangelistic outreaches at the first church and a pastoral training conference at the second church. However, each time I sat down to study and make notes for the intended messages, the Lord kept taking me back to basics. Needless to say, I was a little confused and taken back by the pathway God was leading me through; that is, until we arrived in Dar es Salaam. These two churches had become stagnant in growth and worship due to some unscriptural teaching from a missionary team six months prior. But more than that, they had neglected to study the Scriptures in **2 Timothy 2:15 and Acts 17:11**. This bad doctrine was causing division and flight through murmuring, complaining, and back-biting. Isn’t it interesting, the Lord knew exactly what they needed before we arrived.

Both churches were eager to hear the Word of God, although they weren’t the usual enthusiastic saints that Lynne and I were used to seeing. If we had placed our trust in the workings of our human abilities, we would both have agreed that this trip was a total disaster. However, each pastor was very happy with the results of the meetings and wanted to make sure we were returning again next year.

It wasn’t until after we had been home one week that we had received an email from Pastor David giving us the following report (spelling has been corrected but the grammatical structure left alone):

In our church now we have a great testimony for trip of mission to our country. First the man who receive Jesus as the Savior. He still coming and he started to preach to his neighbors. On this Sunday, he bring one to Jesus. Second, through your seminar there is big changes among



the church members. They healed through the message of GOD that given to you and now we have a big revival of prayer in our church. We started the program of prayer every evening and every morning. This is every day and more people they attending to this prayer session. Praise the LORD JESUS. We have many testimony but today let me say, GOD bless you so much. We still praying for you.

Pastor David Mchanga

Two days later, we received an SMS (text) message from Pastor Popapo, asking us to pray as their church was in the middle of revival services involving several pastors from Kenya, Burundi, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. God is so faithful. Lynne and I take no credit for the Lord’s working, other than just being faithful to go as He has directed us to do.

If we haven’t received anything else from this event, we have received a re-confirmation that the Scriptures are true, that the Word of the Lord will not return void to Him. When we are faithful to do as we are instructed by the Lord, we will benefit from our obedience and so will countless others.

Lynne and I would like to thank all of you who have been faithful to join with us in these missionary journeys, either through the devotion of prayer on our behalf or the giving of your finances. Many people are receiving a touch from the Lord in Africa and you are on the receiving end of a great blessing, both here on the earth and in heaven, through your obedience and generosity of partnership with this ministry. As they say in Tanzania: “Mungu awabariki sana!”, which in Swahili means, “May God abundantly bless you all!” Amen and amen.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE: THE PROCLAIMER

Every so often, there is an innovation that comes to make a job easier. For years, missionaries have worked very hard to find ways to reach people groups, who are illiterate, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the efforts of an organization called Faith Comes By Hearing, we now have a tool that will not only help us to reach the uneducated of all nations, but also enables us to do so without us being in their presence.

I was first introduced to Proclaimers in 2006, while preparing for a missionary journey to Burkina Faso. The literacy rate in this small West African nation was only 20%. So, naturally, our concern was how to reach as many people as possible during our three weeks there.

So, what is a Proclaimer? It is a radio-like device that houses a “chip” that stores the entire New Testament and they are available in hundreds of languages. This is not only an audio presentation of the Bible, but most of

the different languages are done in an audio dramatization format, employing different voices and sounds. It has controls for volume and advancing to different books or chapters of the New Testament.



“The Proclaimer” from Faith Comes By Hearing



Functionally, there are three ways to utilize The Proclaimer. There is a wall plug for areas that have electricity. A solar panel has been designed into the back of the unit for places without electricity. And for those extremely cloudy days, there is a hand crank. So, regardless of the situation, there is a way to use this tool of the Gospel. They are also well designed for travel, having measurements of 9”w x 4”t x 2”d. I also forgot to mention that there is a place for headphones and a slot for an SD card.

We have placed more than a dozen of these into service in Burkina Faso and Tanzania and always receive such wonderful testimonies how these devices enable saints to touch the world with the Scriptures.

For more on Proclaimers and other products to help assist you in your missions field work, go to www.faithcomesbyhearing.com or contact us for more information.

AUDIO BIBLE AMBASSADOR

A new concept has arrived with regard to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. The “Audio Bible Ambassador” program, from **Faith Comes By Hearing**, is a way to providing bibles to others in nations that might not otherwise be able to obtain a Bible. This is done through a safe and secure “closed peer network”, which enables people to download New Testaments from more than 360 languages. This process assures that no country can block the entrance of the Gospel, because of the way the system uses multiple computer IP addresses. The program is free and the downloads of the Bibles are also free. If you are unable to travel to different nations, this is a great way to reach the nations.

Jehovah—Jireh The Lord Our Provider!

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- Monthly gift of _____
- One time gift of _____
- I will prayer for the ministry.
- I am interested in going on a missions trip. Please send me information.

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Please return this form, with your check, money order or cash **payable to JWF Ministries International, Inc.** Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive a receipt if your name, address, city, state and zip code information is complete.

THE MISSIONS HANDBOOK: EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE

We are extremely happy to announce that Jeff's newest writing, "The Missions Handbook: Equipping The Saints For A Successful Experience", is just about ready for release. We are often asked by pastors if we have, or know of, any resources about taking mission trips, forming teams, etc. While we know that this booklet will not answer every question, it will be a great place to start, especially for those individuals who are going to participate as a team member for the very first time.

Some of the topics covered are: the proper way to be sent by your church, biblical application of missions, preparation for your trip, the stretching process, dealing with frustrations, teaching a relevant Gospel message, the impact made by your presence, Re-Entry Syndrome, and returning to life at home. There are also three checklists that we have found to be very

helpful during our trips: 1) Packing for a Short-Term Missions Trip, 2) Pre-trip Checklist, and 3) Guide to Purchasing Souvenirs.

In the works also is the Student Workbook, which is designed to be used with The Missions Handbook as a seminar for equipping short-term teams for their journey. One of our goals at JWF Ministries International, Inc. is to plant the seed of mission work into others and to help them achieve what they have been called and equipped to do for the Lord.

The fact of the matter remains that we all have been called into the mission field and must grasp onto our role. Matthew 28:18-20 states that we all are to "go therefore and make disciples". 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 says the Lord has given us the

ministry of reconciliation, the Word of reconciliation, and has made us ambassadors for Christ so that through us God can plead to others to be reconciled to Him.

So whether it is going to Africa, India or beyond, or to the neighbor's house across the way, we are all to be missionaries. For this reason, we have prepared this resource to help you. Contact us for more information on this publication.

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Upcoming Events

July 15	Pawnee A/G	Pawnee, IL p.m.
July 31	Pawnee A/G VBS	Pawnee, IL p.m.
August 2	Christian Life Center	Newton, IA a.m.
August 2	Community Life Center	Barnes City, IA p.m.
Sept. 24-27	A.P.E.P.T. International Conference Newton, IA	
Nov. 3-6	European Pastors Conference Somerset, England	
Nov. 7-22	Burkina Faso Missions Trip Ouagadougou, B.F.	

As you can see, we have many open dates on our calendar. Please contact us and help us fulfill the call of God by introducing countless numbers of people in Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and beyond to Jesus. They need your help in this moment. We have many individual partners contributing to this new work as well, but more are needed. Please pray and ask the Lord what you can do to reach and change lives through JWF Ministries International.