



WINDOW INTO THE AFRICAN HARVEST

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Dear Friends & Partners in Missions

Update on Church of God Ministry in Africa

• Massai Land Kenya

Visiting Missionary Partners in Ngoswani, Narok was certainly a highlight during last year. Dr. Tanya Hawthorne and Linda Brown, both American Missionaries made us welcome into their Missions location. Dr. Tanya pioneered a Clinic/Hospital 11 years ago in the middle of nowhere. Now established as a 24h clinic with emphasis on birth deliveries. Per week, up to eight babies are being delivered and numerous other patients treated, using relevant medical equipment



like x-ray machine etc. Years later Linda came to join and started a school and Kindergarten. In the beginning four pupils attended now 46 children are enrolled. Together they founded a Massai congregation with a beautiful church building. Peter was privileged to bring the Word of God to these precious people. It is indeed a true rural setting; solar panels provide electricity as well as a standby generator. A water well and tanks provide water. We were deeply touched by the dedication and compassion of Tanya and Linda. God has blessed the labor of their hands greatly.



• First General Africa Council – Will our Children have Faith

Prior to our visit into the Massai Land, our first General Africa Council was held in Lusaka, Zambia. It was our special delight to welcome our Assistant General Overseer, J. David Stephens and our World Missions Director, David Griffis and his wife, Judy. Most National leaders and delegates from the continent made an effort to be present. A strong sense of unity and purpose prevailed in the meetings. Bro. Stephens superbly steered the International Forum with great wisdom. Our guest speakers challenged all of us by their anointed preaching. Bro. Griffis especially ministers very effectively to the leaders. Sister Judy Griffis blessed the wives of our delegates in separate meetings. She spoke and connected beautifully from her heart to ours.



• First Southern Africa Regional Leadership Meeting

Bro. Philip Buckley, Superintendent called for a first Regional National Overseers Meeting in Durban, South Africa. Leaders from Lesotho, eSwatini, Mauritius, Mozambique and Namibia attended. The challenges and tasks presented by Phil were embraced whole-heartedly. Due to Phil's very capable leadership, God is bringing unity to our churches in the region. Our hosts Phil and his wife, Prenitha gave us an overwhelming welcome. It was a great time of fellowship and unity.



Central Africa:

Angola
Equatorial-Guinea
Botswana
Congo- (Brazzvl)
Congo D.R.
Malawi
Mosambique
Zambia
Sao Tome-Principe
Central- African
Republic

East Africa:

Burundi
Ethiopia
Kenya
Rwanda
Sudan
Tanzania
Zanzibar
Uganda

West Africa:

Benin
Burkina Faso
cameroon
Gambia
Guinea
Ghana
Ivory Coast
Liberia
Mali
Niger
Nigeria
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Tchad
Togo

Southern Africa:

Lesotho
Swaziland
Namibia
Mauritius
Reunion
Madagascar
Zimbabwe



- **BidiBidi Refugee Camp – Northern Uganda**

Another highlight this year was our visit to the BidiBidi Camp together with East Africa Superintendent Joseph Kagarama. It was such a joy to meet Overseer John Noah, his wife Edina and Bro. Lolik from Juba, Southern Sudan together with about 200 pastors who gathered for a Leadership Conference in the Imvepi Camp. John and Edina have now established 67 congregations, opened a Nursery School in Morobi Camp with 250 pupils and tailoring classes for women. Still now truckloads of refugees from South Sudan are arriving daily. UN-Passports are issued with an expiry date of 2040. The UN is committed for a long-term presence.

- **Benevolent Ministries Africa**

We were much encouraged and very blessed to receive reports from countries where Church of God World Missions is represented, to learn that we operate:

- 73 Primary Schools with 13685 pupils enrolled
- 3 Secondary Schools with 671 students
- 85 Kindergarten/Nurseries with 5957 children
- 113 Feeding Programs with 10540 being served
- 4 Orphanages with 544 orphans
- 14 Widows assistance programs with 11685 assisted
- 2 Soccer outreach programs with 220 young people
- 26 Boreholes & water wells with numerous communities receiving clean water
- 3 Vocational Training Schools enrolled 478 students



Most of these programs are National initiatives without any support from outside. Our brothers and sisters are truly given to compassion, love and empathy.



**Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas Season and God's presence in the New Year
Peter & Debbie Thomas**