

"Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!" Psalm 66.20

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To Our Cherished Partners in Ministry;

Truly, the Lord heard your prayers and answered them amazingly! Though many times we had dangerous traveling situations, the Lord ushered us through without incident or accident. It was exciting to see the Lord go before us each day to prepare the way for His Word.

## MINTOR MINISTRY MATURING!!

This was our third set of Bible seminars in many areas of Malawi. MINTOR MINISTRY has reached pastors and wives in all but 3 districts of the entire country of Malawi. We are planning to go to those 3 districts on our next mission to Malawi. Many pastors know about MINTOR and have attended at least one of the seminars. Here are just a few written comments given to us after a Bible seminar:

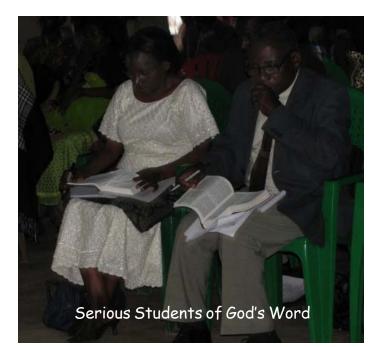
"Through these teaching, I would like to thank God for this seminar. I was depressed for long time in my ministry and my family too. But through these teaching I have seen what God wants about my depression and through the material I believe God will push me to do His will. Most thing I wanted to share, I was thinking about separation and even my wife, she was also agreed, but time was not. After this teaching my depression is gone." Pastor in Mzuzu.

"Since from last year up to date my family is happy indeed because of your Bible teaching. So my prayer is that please continue to help even other people in different country in Africa." Pastor in Karonga.

"I have so much been touched by the teaching on Depression. Your ministry is so unique and is making an impact on our lives, family and ministries." Pastor in Lumbadzi.

"The teachings are very beneficial. Ever since you started teaching us, lives of many have been affected in our churches. My prayer therefore is that God allows you to keep coming back to Malawi." Pastor in Chickwawa.

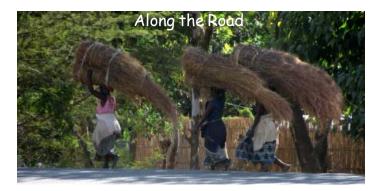
The most common comment we received is the request that we teach another day instead of just two days in each place. However, we feel we are doing the amount that the Lord is leading us.





## ANSWERED PRAYERS

\*Throughout the many different seminars and church meetings, there were 164 professions of faith in Jesus Christ and about 283 recommitments to obedience to the Lord and His Word. 1411 pastors and pastors wives registered and attended the 9 seminars with 2738 in attendance at all of the meetings.



\*Our physical stamina was nothing short of a miracle because each day we were able to teach with alertness, energy, and love. The last 5 seminars were taught with only one day of travel between them because we also spoke in churches. Fifteen days without a break was too much, but we did have a good 3 days in between the 4 seminars in the south and the 5 in the north.



\*God answered your prayers in that the power point and computer worked perfectly. We had electricity every day while we taught but at night we rarely had electricity and studied by candlelight.



\*Even with the adverse road conditions and the hazards of people and animals on the roads, we were safe. However we do regret that we injured one dog who was chasing our vehicle along with a pack of dogs. We probably scared the life out of many monkeys, goats, cows, chickens, and even a few persons but never hit any of them. This is the first trip we have been brave enough to travel alone and it worked well.



\*Deanna had absolutely no jet lag either going or coming on this trip and Duane had less than usual. We stayed fairly well physically except for minor stomach problems.



\*Bible purchasing and distribution went well. We gave out 775 Bibles. Only in the two new places were the people so afraid we would not have enough Bibles for them that they began to push and demand. It is because of the great poverty they live with daily. Many believers who had no Bible now have their own. We gave about 10 to some older orphans who were faithful believers yet had no way to get a Bible. Praise be to God and thank those of you who gave for Bibles.



Our friend, Pastor Paul Taylor, said this, "Peoples' lives are changed when the Word of God is accurately taught by Spirit led teachers." We are so thankful to God for changing so many lives and bringing glory to Himself.







\*The reading glasses distribution was a great blessing. We gave 20 pair in each place plus a few to our coordinators (about 200 in all). They were so grateful but still some pastors whose number was not chosen before the glasses were gone said pleadingly, "Please give me glasses because I cannot read without them!" The pastors and wives loved the ties, scarves, and Ty beanie babies we gave at the end of each day.





## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the pastors and wives in Malawi/Mozambique because of the dire poverty in which they live. The money we gave them for their lunches for the two days of seminars is more than most receive in their church offerings in a month. Consequently, instead of eating at some of the seminars, they only drank a soda and saved their money to take care of family expenses. They were so appreciative to MINTOR.

Pray for us as we prepare for our next mission in Asia. Because of the situation, again, we cannot give details. We will leave in October. We are studying and preparing now. Please pray for wisdom and for the pastors and wives there to be prepared for the Bible teaching. Prov. 2.6 "For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." We must trust you to ask the Holy Spirit how to pray for this mission. We'll send more requests later.

Pray for our family time while we are home. We just moved Duane's 95 year old mother back to Tulsa and she is doing well. We will take a couple of short vacations with our kids and enjoy those precious grandchildren.

Please pray for the families of two of our precious prayer partners who have gone to be with the Lord, Louise Waggoner and Sid Rhame. They both will be dearly missed. II Cor. 1.3b "Praise be to the ....God of <u>all</u> comfort."







## WORD SNAPSHOTS

\*Stepping out of bed and squashing a huge tree slug between your toes! Yuk! \*Going 8 days without a shower. (Only bathing from a bucket of water.) \*Eating tough chicken and rice for a week.

- \*Seeing field mice on sticks for sale (for food) beside the road.
- \*Being awakened by roosters crowing at 4am every morning.

\*Typing a Bible study in Chichewa on the computer without understanding a word. \*Sleeping in a bed with a huge hole in the mattress.

\*Pastors and wives eating slices of bread and drinking a soda for their food. \*Seeing everything transported on bicycles from goats and chickens to huge bags of charcoal, furniture, gasoline, water, lumber and as many as 5 people.

Let us close with this encouragement: Hebrews 10.35-36 "So do not throw away your confidence, it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised." Thank you for persevering in prayer and support for this work in Malawi/Mozambique. We give all the glory to our faithful and all sufficient Almighty God.

Privileged Servants of a Worthy God,



