

## ***ACTS IN AFRICA***

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Dear Friends and Family,

Warm greetings from Tanzania! We trust you are enjoying the summer season and the rays of the Son in your life. We rejoice in His continual goodness and daily blessings to us.

Much has transpired over the last few months. As well as undergoing the time consuming task of renewing our resident visas, we have had the privilege of conducting seminars in various places and also doing weekend preaching.

Over the last few months, we have had the privilege of delivering boxes of Swahili Bibles to three remote villages – Nyhunge, Igombe and Butundwe. On each occasion, the pastor and congregation were so appreciative and excited with a chance for people to obtain their own copy of the Scriptures.

Also, at the closing of one of the crusade services in Butundwe, a woman came forward to receive Jesus and for special prayer. It was unavoidable to notice that she was literally skin and bones, reportedly suffering from diabetes but possibly also a victim of AIDS. She had previously been seeking the help of witch doctors. After praying for her, Pastor Frank spent time counseling and leading her to the Lord. We have heard since, that she has continued to attend church and appears to be doing better physically.



One distinctive seminar recently, was an invitation to participate in a youth conference held at a retreat center just outside Mwanza. Approximately 150 people,

between the ages of 16 and 30, attended the five-day conference. We were impressed not only with the organization of the program, but also the session topics which included leadership, youth in a changing world, choosing a spouse, marriage, and handling your finances. It was a new experience for us – addressing strictly a younger crowd, but also speaking on the topics requested of us, “Choosing a Marriage Partner” and “Christian Marriage.” Our teaching sessions were joint presentations, with John opening with the story of Abraham’s servant going in search of a wife for Isaac, followed by Glenna elaborating on several steps that the servant took related to finding a godly spouse. In the sessions on Christian marriages, John again opened with relevant illustrations and wrapped up with a personal testimony. Being “hot” topics with youth here, many not only took notes but also had good and interesting questions following. It was a privilege for us to have such an opportunity to share not only God’s Word, but our testimonies.

We also felt led to offer support and encouragement to a local pastor launching a new church. We have known Pastor Santoz for four years, having conducted seminars with him previously. We were privileged to be invited to participate in the opening service, which was a festive occasion with several choirs performing and a meal following. It was a good beginning with a number of people coming to the Lord.



As we look ahead into August and the fall, we see our schedule quickly filling up with speaking engagements. On Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, we will begin a five-day seminar in Mahina, just outside Mwanza, and would appreciate being kept in your prayers. Other seminars are in the works, including a pastors conference in August.

In closing, we want to extend our deepest thanks to all of you for your prayers and financial support. Such faithfulness is always a great source of encouragement to the two of us. It will be wonderful when we finally reach the Kingdom of God and hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Enter in to the joy of your Lord.” Matt.25:21.

In His service,

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