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"Meanwhile praying also for us; that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak" -Colossians 4:3 (KJV)

Saints loved by God and called with a holy calling, the heavenward one, and presently yoked together with us in the high calling of the Gospel of the Grace of God in the face of Jesus Christ Thank you brother Ray for getting in touch in behalf of our brethren at H3BC, thank you pastor Terry and all our beloved brethren who gather to worship our Lord at Urangan Community centre, its a joy for me to speak with you this way

Many apologies for not being able to write sooner, time has been rather unkind to us over here.

We had our beloved brethren Billy and Tessa with us for close to 3 months (Reports of which will be in the soon to come end of year newsletter). However as soon as they left us, it was time to catch up with the many classes we missed out on due to the outreaches we had (wonderful indeed!!! and we hope to bring you those reports soon). I shall be sketchy with this prayer letter as in-depth detail should come to you in our end year Newsletter. For now though it is my intention to touch base with you all, sharing a few things about our goings about, praise reports and prayer points.

WISDOM TRAINING CENTERS

It has been a wonderful time indeed! We have continued to see men and women trained up in the doctrines of Grace and the recovery of the authentic Biblical Gospel. It never ceases to amaze us just how much darkness prevails even in the hearts of the men charged with the fearful responsibility of shepherding souls. We continue to receive heart breaking yet also heart lifting testimonies of men and women who come to terrible grips with the overwhelming realization that they may have had a false assurance of salvation. This is sad because it is a sample that speaks to many more who labour under such false assurance while they themselves are yet to come to the saving knowledge of Christ our Lord.

This experience is also replicated in Mombasa where our faithful brother Barnabas labours both at the Church level and also at the WTC there (which is really in its first year). Again here much is happening in terms of challenge, Barnabas speaks to me about men who have been even this early in the course been so challenged that they are taking a stand against false teaching and practices in their denominations (we know H3BC have as well travelled this traumatic path).

The same can be said about our other two centres; Mungungune (east of Mumias) and also Sabatia (where we had a recent church plant). So much to be joyful about as the Gospel continues to triumph and the kingdom of God grows in the hearts of men and women.

Our online program continues also. This is because there are many who wish to train with us but cannot afford the time to sit in a class. There are also some who simply live in places far removed from the training centres and so cannot afford to commute daily for the classes. The online program is therefore a very convenient way for them to take up the course.

No doubt we continue to work within very constrained budgets here and in Mombasa as also in other WTC centres. We shall have occasion before the close of the year to bring you details of these challenges, yet even now, we would still plead for your prayer and support in this regard. WE CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE MORE MATERIAL TO OUR STUDENTS, BOOKS, STUDY TOOLS ETC

GROWING BURDENS, OPENING OF EFFECTUAL DOORS

It is a joy that the Lord has continued to open opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Time and space would not allow a listing of many such opportunities. But just a case in point; I am this Lords day (this is 29th November), completing a six days ministry mission trip that has taken me to 3 major cities of our country (Kisumu, Nairobi and currently am in Naivasha). Where I am now is where the hotspot of the 2007 post election violence was. In the two days conference here i have been doing an exposition of Pauls letter to the Romans; explaining the doctrine of Justification by faith alone through the imputed righteousness of Christ. It is apparently mind boggling to many here. I think many are being challenged to relook the Gospel they thought they heard. Before this i had spoken in an evening leaders' meeting where we had about 80 church leaders from various denominations, 42 of these pastors, we had expounded the scriptures from the theme "the great calling away". Now some of you would know the Pope of Rome has just left our country after much indoctrination and spiritual witchcraft. That night when i went back to my Hotel room, 14 of them pastors came to me and we had another 3 hours of explaining things to them. Part of the reason they came was they want to have this training taken to them. It is sad that many of them are totally illiterate and so an on line program just won't do, so we are thinking of how it may be possible to get them the help they so desperately need. As yet we do not know how or when but we feel God willing these are doors we would like to respond to in some way.

On the first day of this trip, I met a delegation of pastors from north rift (which includes Eldoret city), and here again it was to map out ways in which we may reach these people with the true Gospel. Thankfully here we took a tentative decision that we shall be running a twice a month training in seminar formats. These dear ones have undertaken to hire the seminar halls, avail themselves from all the areas (some as far apart as 200 miles). We shall provide materials, transport of speakers, their accommodation etc.

I could say many more of such opportunities which we must flatly turn down because we simply do not have the capacity to handle them, whether in terms of personnel or even financial resources. SO PLEASE PRAY THAT WE SHALL HAVE WISDOM IN CHOOSING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH GOD WOULD WANT US TO TAKE, ALSO THAT OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL GROW TO BE ABLE TO CATER ALL THESE

REFORMATION CONFERENCES (REFCONS)

Again details of these will come to you in our end year newsletter. Many of you would be aware that these are so to speak our flagship meetings, the highlights of every year. The first leg happens in

Mumias in every 3rd week of April. The second happens in Mombasa every 3rd week of August. The recent permanent addition to REFCONS is in Kisumu city which comes at the last week of August or first week of September each year. Of course there are several other annual conferences and a host of other seminars in between. However God has established for us in three leading Cities of our country a permanent annual fixture in Mumias, Kisumu and Mombasa.

Now these are critical for two reasons; First, it is here many Pentecostals and Charismatics come into contact for the first time with the doctrines of Grace, the Biblical faith. By Gods Grace they have been well attended, in April we had a recorded attendance of 475 delegates and among these were 104 pastors. So you can see the potential impact of these conferences in shaping opinion. Secondly, these conferences serve as the recruitment points for WTC courses and many of our students after being challenged at the Refcons seek admission into our courses. PLEASE PRAY THAT THE FORTHCOMING LEG OF REFCON 2016 WILL BE FRUITFUL. They are logistically very involving in terms of feeding and accommodating the delegates. SO PRAY ALSO THAT THE LORD WILL UNDERTAKE FOR ALL THESE.

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM WTC ALUMNI RETREATS We shall bring you news regarding these events in our end year newsletter. However only now to say these have been a huge blessing for us and also for the students. These retreats are convened annually to coincide with Reformation week, every 30th and 31st of October. The retreat brings together all our WTC students, past and present. We aim here to further challenge them and also to encourage those who have plunged into the costly work of Gospel recovery. This year we ran on the theme "Consolidating the gains", it was a very protracted and very challenging to many, effects of which spilled over into WTC classes as very heated debates.

SUNDRY ISSUES

Before I left Mumias for this trip i had shared the Gospel with a family that has been in many churches for a long time. They somehow came into contact with our book "Hell's best Revealed Secret-reflections on the invitation system" and desired that they will hear from me about these matters. It was hugely profitable and they came to see that they had a wrong kind of 'salvation'. I think they are at the door of the Kingdom of God. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY TWO LADIES THERE, DOLPHINE AND YVONNE-They have started to come to church and are very hungry

PLEASE PRAY ALSO FOR US IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSTANT MUSLIM THREAT, they can be very violent and malicious as well. The Lord has blessed the Gospel and this is always a raw nerve with them,

PRAY FOR MY WIFE LYDIA: On a good day she suffers from perennial weak health, she recently was in hospital after Billy and Tessa left us. It become doubly hard when she is pregnant as she is now, almost due (it has been 'any time now' for a while) and the longer it goes on the harder it is for her.

Well beloved of God and in our hearts at Hervey Bay Bible Church, i just be going now, i hope to be back home tomorrow evening and be joined to my family. This was something small until we can bring you more comprehensive reports by way of newsletter. We continue to be hugely grateful for your support and partnership in the work of the Gospel, may the Lord be pleased to use us all for His glory and praise

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