

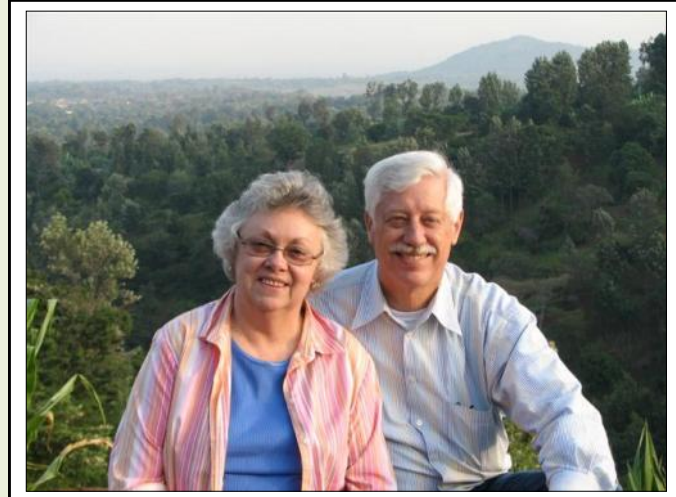


## Across the World

Today, I am reminded of the wonderful old hymn “What a fellowship, what a joy divine; leaning on the everlasting arms.”<sup>1</sup> As Wayne and I traveled to Africa for the first time this June, we yearned for this divine fellowship to enable us to communicate with our Kenyan brothers. We held in our heart the Word of the Lord, “that utterance may be given unto [us]...to make known the mystery of the gospel.”<sup>2</sup> What a wonderful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! We have never been more aware of the help of the Holy Spirit. Day after day with our interpreters, Pastor Angelo, Pastor Michael, and Brother Stanley, we shared the message of redemption. We declared the Lord our Physician and explained Job’s suffering, Paul’s thorn, and so much more. It was an honor! Such an honor! We were also privileged to teach prayer and to pray with them. Imagine our joy and surprise when they left their chairs to “pace and pray” just like we would do at home and at church.



Our African brothers are on the move for God! Several of the student pastors had recently preached on the baptism of the Holy Spirit and



reported that more of God’s people had received this gift and spoke in tongues. One student testified of tangible results when “effectual fervent prayer”<sup>3</sup> made healing power available to a lady in his village. We will not forget the fire in his eyes or the shout of his voice as he rejoiced in the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, God is working mightily!

There is no doubt that these men will leave Kenya Bible Training Center equipped to change their world. Our heart goes with them. We have prayed with them and laughed with them. We have visited their villages and been introduced to their wives and children. We will never be the same. Thank you for praying for us. We are more committed than ever to “go into all the world.”<sup>4</sup> God bless you.

*Becky*

<sup>1</sup> *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*: Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, in *The Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp, and Evangelistic Meetings* (Dalton, Georgia: A. J. Showalter & Company, 1887). Music: Anthony J. Showalter

## Back From Africa!

In Mark 16:15 Jesus said to us, “**Goye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**” With Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible we can define these words. “Go” means *to travel, make a journey, or take a walk*. This expresses motion. “Into all” is defined as *among, through out, or until*. This word begins our journey. The words “the world” enlarge our vision to include *he, she, and all inhabitants*. Could this mean the people we meet at Publix, Walmart, and our workplace? In these places, we “preach”, *herald, proclaim, and publish*, sharing and living right before men. What do we “preach”? We preach the “gospel”, the good news of what God has done for us. This message is for “every creature”, *all, any, every, whatsoever, and whosoever*. It includes our family, co-workers, and neighbors.

Recently, Becky and I had the wonderful opportunity to “make a journey” and walk among the people of Kenya. What a joy it was to proclaim the Good News of Christ and share what He has done for us through the Cross. In this far-away country, God is doing a great work through the students at Kenya Bible Training Center. They have a strong desire and fervor to go into their world and proclaim the Gospel. We thank God that He desires to meet their every need and will prosper the Word preached. Becky and I will always remember the smiling faces and the pleasant, “Fine, thank you,” greetings we received.

You may not be able to travel to other countries, but we all can go into our world, or area of influence, and through our words, actions and deeds share what God has done for us. Let’s “go ye” and help fulfill that great commission. We thank you for helping us do our part in fulfilling His Word.

Wayne

## Thank you, Suzanne.

Our heartfelt thanks to our daughter, Suzanne, whose responsibilities double and triple when we are away from home. The length of this trip to Africa increased these challenges and added new tasks. Thank you, Suzanne, for your efficiency and commitment. We love you.

Mom and Dad



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