



# Mission Update and Prayer Guide

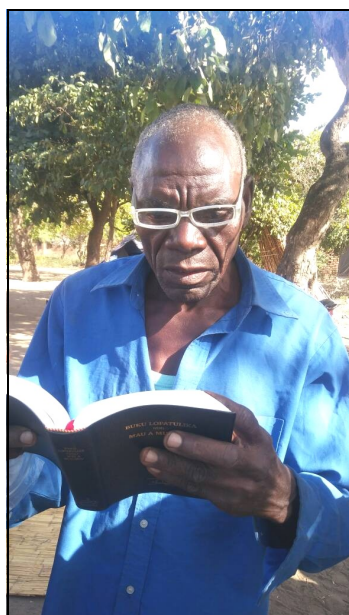
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***In Chichewa - "Timakonda Yesu" - Thank You Jesus!***



**Greetings in the wonderful name** of our Savior Jesus Christ from Malawi. Our work here is sweet with your unwavering involvement. We are amazed at God's provision through you. We are not sure how to express our gratitude. We will stay true to God's Word and to His call on our lives. We will stay willing to give our lives if necessary for the Gospel. This is the best way to show our gratitude to God and to you. I hope you received all the pictures sent from our recent out-reach trip. The Lord really blessed us! I have included short commentary on the pictures. Please share these with our family there. ***"Timakonda Yesu"!!!! Enock Dimba, Malawi***

(Starting far left) - This man can now read the Scripture with the glasses provided. Pastors and Christian leaders eagerly study the Word together.

**Once again the funds** you sent us enabled us to travel and visit several thousand people. Everywhere we went we were greeted with great joy. People were clearly hungry for the Word of God. The Jesus Film was shown to hundreds at a time. Praise God for all the decisions that were made. We were able to preach to the people and share Bible stories with the children. My wife Clara loves to illustrate the Gospel by using the Heart Teaching Poster. One of my favorite times is standing outside where people are gathered in a circle to listen to Biblical teaching and testimonies from the team. We always invite leaders to sit and share their concerns and struggles. We spend much time in **prayer**. You should be happy to know the Land Rover and the trailer filled with bicycles and other equipment are both operating well. You may not be here physically, but **by your prayers** and generous financial support you are impacting people.

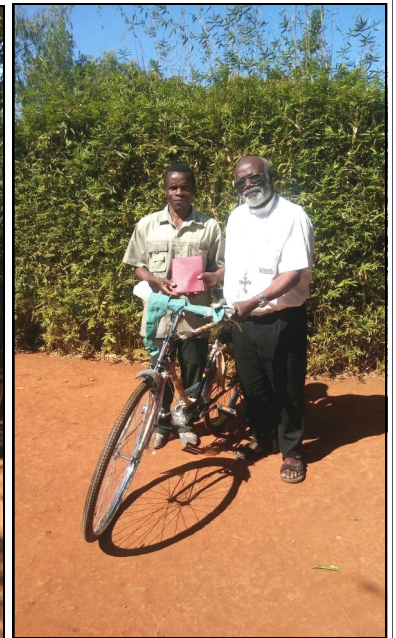






We are grateful for the computers God has provided through you all there. for our school at Maoni Orphanage We are having tears of joy. We could have never imagined this. Our classrooms have power and we have computers! God Bless You!!

**My father was able to travel** with us. It was wonderful for us to see him up and well again. He was happy to present more bicycles and Bibles to pastors working hard in the field. One man began to cry as he held his very own bicycle for ministry. He was speechless for a few minutes and then shouted "Glory to God!"



**Please continue to pray** for the work in **Kenya**. We are currently establishing a good connection with Pastor Nicholas (left) who worked with Ron for many years. Ron always spoke of Nicholas as a man of integrity and honor. Recently he traveled to the bush area to check on the established churches as well as looking in on the newly targeted village. It is there we hope to establish a new church. **Please pray** for the proposed water well drilling project. **Also remember** Ron's wife, Freshier, as she adjusts to life without Ron. She has a heart for the Pokot people. She needs wisdom as she takes care of the necessary documents with the US Embassy in Nairobi.





**Dave** - I just arrived in Minneapolis, Minnesota on an overnight flight. By the grace of God we had good meetings and fellowship in Alaska. I appreciated reading your testimony text this morning. It reminded me of these words: *"Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home."* You are blessed! I am blessed! We are blessed! God has forgiven us - saved us - called us - sealed us. Oh that we may press on, endure hardship and cross the finish line!

**Dave** - I arrived home safely. By the grace of God we wired funds to the ministry account today. We were able to send enough funds for all the books and to cover the medical supplies from last month.

**Ron** - Amazing is our Lord!! I am just now laying on the sofa praying about our needs. God is really using His people my brother. There is an obvious joy that you all are receiving from your obedience and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. This is truly mind boggling to me. In all my years of ministry I have never seen the hand of God move in such a way. Thank you and God bless you all!! I will get on the phone and give pastor Nicholas the wonderful news so he can tell the people of Reretiang village that their prayers were heard by our Heavenly Father. God bless you all.

**Ron** - Pastor Nicholas asked me to thank you also. During our last visit when we delivered the chairs I spoke to the people about their strong faith and how God has given them special favor because of it. I asked them to meet together in prayer for the needs of the school, etc. Nicholas is calling one of the village elders Samuel right now so he can tell the people. Praise God above! I am really excited!

**Ron** - Good morning Dave. We were able to buy most of the school books needed this morning plus teachers guides. We only lack a few now and will travel to Eldoret City tomorrow morning to see if we can buy the remaining there. This is going to be a huge blessing for the kids. They have really been limping along with no books to learn from. Now every student will have books! God bless you all!

**Dave** - Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Thank you for the great work you are allowing God to do in and through you my brother!

**Ron** - Freshier and I went to a wedding today. I always wear shorts, T-shirt and sandals but today I had to dress up. This morning I stood looking in the closet searching for my blue shirt. Finally Freshier came in and reached in and pulled it out right in front of me. Then I yelled... Where are my black socks? Again she came in and handed them to me from exactly where I was looking. So as the bride and groom were taking their vows today I was thinking about the Book of Genesis where many interpret that God said it is not good for man to be alone, so He created woman. But what he really said is... It is not good for man to be confused, so He created a help meet so he could find his socks, shirt, car keys, parking spot, etc, etc, etc.

**Dave** - Daisy read this to me while I was driving! She was so happy that you have made such good conclusions!

**Ron** - Isn't it funny how life changes some times in the blink of an eye? One minute we're doing one thing and the next minute our whole life changes beyond anything that we could have ever imagine. It seems like just yesterday I was in the USA doing sing-along's at the NLGH, and at the same time it seems like a hundred years ago. If I was offered a million dollars I would never go back to the way things were. I don't know if I have another day, year or twenty years left of my life. It really doesn't matter that much to me anymore. I am rich beyond measure and have a happiness that probably few can boast of. God has been good to me my brother and I am blessed! There are not too many that even can understand what I am talking about.... you do though! I was just laying here in bed praying for you guys there. Jesus bless you my dear brother and all the saints with you!!

**Dave** - The longer I live the more confident I am in God's providence. I think of the path I've traveled on - so often reflecting on the people that God has placed on that path. God's plan is amazing. He can take a guy from Bath and a guy from Bolivar and connect them for a work in Africa. There is no way we could have planned this out on our own. Our God is so awesome! He must increase, we must decrease.

**Dave** -By the grace of God we wired funds to your account today. This is for the new village out-reach which includes food, shoes, evangelistic church programming and transportation.

**Ron** - Good Morning. The money arrived overnight!.....I just completed loading one hundred 90kg bags of maize and it is in route to Pokot with Jose and Pastor Nicholas. God is Great.

**Ron's last IM to me was a smiley face as he was preparing for his flight in a few days. As I think about that I am reminded that each of us must always be prepared to meet our Redeemer. "Lord teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."**

**By the grace of the Most High God**, we want to be exceptionally grateful to God for the great things He has done and greater things He will do. We also want to be thankful to you all for the tremendous level of supports rendered us over the past. We are excited you still continue to be very fervent in your **prayers for us** and very generous towards God's work out here in Liberia. May God reward us all! **Jasper Williams, Liberia**

Here are recent **highlights**.

**Kids leaders training:** In order to reinforce our goal of reaching out to 320,000 kids with the gospel in 10 years in hopes for the future we brought together 14 of our local churches from Liberia and Guinea comprising 34 delegates to be trained for four days with the concept of AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed). These local church leaders were served a complete set of 8 books to help them recruit and train at least 13 members of their churches to help fully implement the kids outreach program once weekly.



**Drug Rehab Program:** The drug rehabilitation program which was started for drug addicts through the ministry since April is beginning to yield positive results and impact gradually. From the 33 individuals that enrolled in the program, the first person - who began to withdraw from drugs and was placed in medication - is responding positively in health. 8 more new ones were placed on medication last week and are in recovery too! They have begun to reach out to their friends as more than 10 of them are now in the baptism class undergoing lessons and receiving free meals twice weekly. We now have participants who are walking over 5 miles just to make it to the church for rehab lessons and medication.

**Church Planters:** We were blessed to have Enoch and Mohammed from Toe's Town (371 kilometers away from us) for the AWANA training. Enoch is sixteen years old and has planted his first church. He recruited Mohammed who is 28 years old and the both are beginning the second church plant together on the outskirts of Toe's Town. Jerry Mulbah another evangelist is starting his first two cell groups in Gbarnga City, the fourth most populated City in Liberia.



**Leadership Development:** We were able to conduct two leadership trainings on two occasions this month for over 40 staff and community leaders.

**Tracts distribution:** We also distributed gospel tracts to residents of a very small village during our distribution outreach exercises.

**Sports Ministry:** The sports ministry which began in March with a football team of 11 players is now growing to a healthy group of youngsters. Shadrach reports that there are over 22 persons and they are involving themselves in weekly Bible studies. This is one of our goals - we want to use sports as a means to attract these kids to church and then begin to disciple them.

**Marriages:** We also conducted two marriages for two of our members in Kakata and Monrovia respectively.

**Construction project:** The construction work at the Hilltop Church is complete with the tying of the concrete. We are going to add three level courses of additional block before placing the wood/planks. We have been able to secure a set of the Jesus film equipment destined for Guinea. We made an initial down payment of \$500.00 towards land purchase in Conakry. We will make the next installment when the land has been located. Thank you for your timely support and **prayer effort** on our behalf.



### Prayer Needs (Liberia Ministry)

**Prayer** for Zhaye. She just underwent surgery for cancer on Monday.  
 Keep **prayer** for Thelma's health. She is still on medication after similar surgery in Ghana.  
 Please **pray** for our three newly planted churches processes in Toe Town and Gbarnga.  
 Please **pray** for the spiritual growth of our six cell groups in Conakry, Guinea.  
 Please **pray** for more resources for the sustainability of ongoing ministry projects.  
 Please **pray** for the over the counter medications intended for the rehab program.  
 Please **pray** for Karen's flight and visit to the USA for the health workers' conference.

***Thank you for your support. We often reflect on God's goodness when we think of all of you who have stood by us all these years. Thank you for helping us and for showing us the tender love of God. Nothing is too hard for the Lord!***

**Please remember to pray** for area Christian Camps that are in a full schedule right now. Hundreds of young people, teenagers and adults are being either being introduced to Christ for the first time or are being encouraged to take their walk with the Lord to the next level. We praise God for individuals, churches and organizations in our area that have not compromised on Biblical truth. It is a great privilege to stand with them.



**We are thankful** for the another academic year at Emmanuel Bible Institute in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu, India. The Lord has blessed us with returning and new students. **Please pray** for those pursuing Graduation in February 2019. We are also grateful for



the provision of running water at the Ayeriperi Church. Pastor Stephen sees this as God's favor and mercy on display in this region where so many people have yet to receive the Gospel. Please **continue to pray** for all the ministry that is ongoing in India. At times, the Lord's work there faces hard opposition and tribulation, but the Church continues to show forth the love, hope and light from the Lord. God is on the throne!

**I was working** at my son-in-law's furniture store at the Olean Center Mall. One morning I saw a "scary man" walking down the long hallway leading to the front of our store. He was wearing dirty jeans. There were holes very visible up and down his pant legs. He was wearing a muscle shirt which showed off the numerous tattoos on his arms. He had long stringy hair. This man had numerous chains hung from the belt around his waist and he had a knife strapped on his leg. As he came closer I could see gold caps on his front teeth.

**About 15 minutes later** I saw him sitting in one of the Amish rockers at the front of the store. I thought to myself, "This man will frighten away any potential customers so I better get rid of him fast." I walked to the front of the store and introduced myself, "Hi, I'm Paula," I said with a tentative smile. "How can I help you?" He looked up at me and said, "Hi, I'm Fred" and a single tear rolled down his face. Seeing that I asked again softly, "How can I help you Fred?" He responded, "I was ordering a cup of coffee at McDonald's and there was a couple with two small boys in front of me. I noticed the little boys were very excited to be getting their own 'Happy Meals'. As I turned to leave with my coffee I saw that same family holding hands with bowed heads, praying at a table. I don't know what they have but I want it for my family." The fear and concern I had a few minutes earlier melted away. God's Spirit gave me compassion and boldness to use my Evangelism Explosion training centered on the plan of salvation found in the Bible.

**"Well Fred,"** I said "I think I know what they have. I believe you can have the same experience for your family, but I need to ask you three personal questions before I can share with you. Do I have your permission?" Fred answered thoughtfully, "Go ahead and ask." I said, "Fred, if you died today do you think you would go to Heaven?" "Yes, I believe I would" he answered with some confidence. I asked the second question "Fred, if you were to stand before God the Father today and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into My Heaven?', what would your answer be?" Fred thought about my question for a minute, took a gulp of coffee and then replied, "Well I'm a good husband...I don't beat my wife...I try to be a good provider for my family...I'm a good Father...I try to teach my boys to be kind to others...I'm a good neighbor...I try to help people as much as I can." I said to him, "Then you're telling me you think that you are a pretty good person? How good do you think you would have to be to be perfect, because God's standard for entrance into His Heaven is perfection." I waited for Fred's answer. Fred took a couple more gulps of his coffee while rocking back and forth in the chair. Finally he said, "I don't think I could ever be perfect, I don't think anybody could be. Do you think you could be Paula?" "No, Fred," I said, "I know I couldn't be perfect. God the Father knew I couldn't be either. That is why He sent His only Son, perfect in every way. He sent Him to pay the penalty for our sin by dying on a cross. He was buried and three days later He rose from the dead. He wants us to receive His wonderful gift of salvation. He wants us to be perfect in and through Him so we can, when we die, go to heaven."

**"What do I have to do?"** asked Fred. "Well, you have to believe you are a sinner first of all and then you have to ask Jesus to come into your heart". I picked up a Bible that we had on display in the store and turned to **Romans 3:23** and let Fred read it out loud. And then I turned to **I John 1:9** and had him read it. Then I turned to **Romans 6:23** and had him read it. Then I turned to **John 14:6** and had him read it. About that time the telephone rang at the back of the store and I went to answer it. After finishing my conversation on the phone I turned around and saw Fred was leaving. I shouted, "Fred, don't go yet, we're not finished"! As Fred turned around his face was glowing! I could tell he had had an encounter with the Lord! He said, "Yes we are! While you were on the phone, I did what you told me to do. I spoke with God and I asked Jesus to come into my heart." I was so excited. A few weeks later I was no longer at that location. I never saw Fred again but I prayed for him and his family often.

**A year later** we were doing a music/testimony ministry at a family camp in another area. I was asked to give a testimony that night and I shared "The Fred" story. I concluded with how important a public testimony can be. Because a family in a McDonald's restaurant paused to bow their heads and thank God for their food a man named Fred accepted the Lord. At the conclusion of the meeting, an area Pastor and his wife came to me and said "Thank you for sharing your Fred story with us. Fred and his family are now attending our church faithfully. He told us **his story, this story!** We wondered who was the woman that introduced him to Jesus. Now we know!" I joyfully responded, "I only wish that family could know how God used them in Fred's life and mine too."

**Later that summer** I was on a mission trip in Alaska doing outreach ministry in an Indian village named Holy Cross. I was teaching children and shared "The Fred" story. When I concluded a 10-Year old named Miranda looked at me and said, "I've never done what Fred did." I asked "Would you like to?" She said, "Sure, why wouldn't I?" On the way back to the camp that day, Vera Penz (Alaska Missionary) and I were rejoicing over Miranda's salvation and she asked me, "How did this happen?" I shared "The Fred" story with her and two native boys were listening and they too asked Jesus into their hearts." Vera listened with eagerness as I told her the story. A few years later I was told that Miranda and her mom were holding "Good News Clubs" in their home and 26 children were attending. I am amazed how God can use any circumstance and situation to reveal His great love, power and salvation. God can use any of us, at any time, to start a new story in someone's life!