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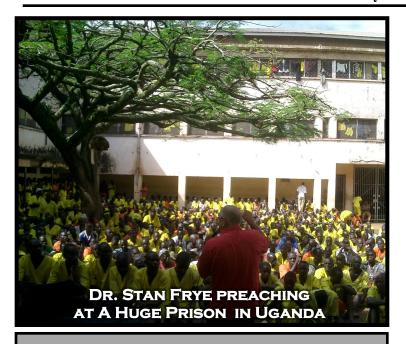
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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Beloved GIMI Team Members,

Summer greetings in the precious and wonderful name of Jesus! I trust that you and your family are well, and that our gracious Lord continues to bless you richly every day of your lives as you seek to serve Him faithfully. We are definitely living in the last days just before the return of our Lord, and therefore, whatever we are going to do for Jesus must be done urgently and quickly. Why? Because time is running out and multitudes are still lost without Jesus. We have truly been blessed by our God to be a part of His Kingdom endeavors just now before He comes again. And, it is our sincere prayer that we might truly show compassion and make a difference for His Kingdom in these last days before the rapture of the church.

Oh yes, I hear people say that He can't return because all of the people groups of the world have not yet been reached with the Gospel message. This kind of thinking is wrong theology because we are told in Revelation 14:6-7, the following words: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Therefore folks, this wrong theology puts the return of our Lord on our schedule depending upon our faithfulness in declaring and sharing the Gospel. This is utterly ridiculous and we should stay away from this foolishness at all cost. Nowhere has God ever told us that the return of Jesus is dependent upon our faithfulness in sharing the Gospel. But, we do need to be busy proclaiming the Gospel because we don't know when He is coming! It could be today!

## A MIRACULOUS HARVEST OF PENTECOSTAL PROPORTION!

All of you who read our GIMI newsletter know that back in May, JoAnne and I took another team to our beloved Africa. The team was composed of Stephen Daniel, Patsy Little, Mildred Catron, Corey and Kellie Roberts, Tony Wilson, and our family doctor, Dr. Steven Merrill. We started the trip in Kenya where we worked for one and a half weeks, and then we crossed the border into Uganda and worked our way down to our GIMI Mission Compound doing ministry along the way.

During those three weeks, we shared the Gospel in 23 prisons and one school. I also conducted two Spiritual Leadership Seminars for our Kenya and Uganda staff and some of their pastor and church leader friends. During our time in both countries, I spoke 34 times, and then others on our team shared their testimonies and preached the Gospel. Folks, God gave us an enormous harvest of souls in both Kenya and Uganda. Our team shared Christ with almost 7,000 people with 3,106 people praying to receive Christ as their personal Savior. Now, I know that some of you might be skeptical about this huge number of souls praying to receive Christ, but I just wish you could have been with us and seen the demonstration of God's Holy Spirit as we shared the Good News with these thousands of people. I don't believe I have ever seen a stronger demonstration of God's drawing power in my life, unless it was several years ago when we first went to Rwanda where the genocide took place. Do I believe that all of these people that prayed to receive Christ for the first time actually got saved? No, I don't, but I do believe that scores of them did because I have been working in Africa for 31 years, and I have seen thousands of changed lives.

Truthfully folks, on this trip, JoAnne and I were so blessed to see so many of the prisoners and former prisoners who had gotten saved through the ministry of GIMI with dramatically changed lives to the point that many are now out of prison serving the Lord faithfully. For instance, some of our former prisoners are now out of prison and they came to our seminars in Kenya and in Uganda to study the leadership principles I taught from the Book of Nehemiah. In fact, while we were in Kenya, one former prisoner, Michael Too, and his wife, Rosemary, came one evening to the hotel where we stayed and had tea with us. Michael spent 10 years in prison for armed robbery and through our ministry, he gave his heart to Christ. He is now out of prison working with a Christian ministry mentoring former prisoners who also got saved in prison.



In Uganda, we had the privilege of having in our seminar a former prisoner named Susan Kigula, who spent 15 years in prison for murder. For many years she was on death row, and then she got saved through the ministry of Rev. William Ssentumbwe. Now she is out of prison and recently, she took her final exam to become a lawyer.



Do you believe that Jesus can dramatically change lives? We surely do! We hear testimonies about this almost every day of our lives. So, we are just praising God for what He did on this most recent trip. Yes, God gloriously gave us a huge harvest of Pentecostal proportion! Therefore, we want to thank those of you who prayed for our trip and those of you who helped us financially to make this trip possible. And, I also want to thank my doctor, Dr. Steven Merrill, who met us in Uganda. His presence there gave me a lot more confidence after all of the problems I have had with my health recently. Dr. Merrill, thanks for giving up time from your busy schedule to help make this trip for this old pastor a lot more comfortable because you were there!



## "Changes We Must Make"

If you have been on our team for quite sometime, you are very much aware of the many health problems that I have had over the past nine years. I will not bore you with a lot of details, but I have had blood clots, lung disease, open heart surgery, three heart stents, and of course, the diabetes which I battle every day. In addition to this, I will soon be 69 years old! Therefore, the time has come that I must really cut back on my travel, both internationally and here in America. Because of the fact that I can't continue traveling to many countries and scores of churches here in America, we just can't keep doing all of the work in so many countries. I can no longer go there to help keep our people trained and functioning well. In addition to that, when JoAnne and I can't travel from church to church presenting our work, contributions come down. Our funds have decreased a lot over the past few years. Therefore, we have to make some decisive changes in our work and ministry.

Truthfully, it burdens my heart tremendously when I think about having to cut back anywhere. God has so blessed this ministry over the past 17 years since JoAnne and I took over the work from Mickey and Alice Parrish. We have shared the Gospel with over 20 million people, and of these, over two million have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In addition to that, GIMI has distributed over 22 million copies of the Bible, scripture portions, and Gospel tracts. Truly, God has used this small ministry in a magnificent way. And, we give Him praise for everything! Also, we offer a great big thank you to the scores of you who have continued to help us financially. There would have been no way that we could have carried on this ministry without your being on our team. And, there is just no way that we can continue to carry on the work in the future on a smaller scale without your prayers and support. Therefore, I am asking all of you to please pray that God might give us wisdom as we are forced to make some major changes.

When JoAnne and I took over this work, we had only two countries, but the work in these two countries of Kenya and Uganda was strong and thriving, as it still is today. However, over the years we grew to 15 countries of ministry. We have seen a huge harvest of souls and changed lives in all of our countries. But now, we are going to stop ministry in a lot of our countries and focus on doing a better job in Kenya and Uganda where we have spent the most funds down through the years. We may also continue working in a few more countries close by in East Africa. Thus, we need God's wisdom to make these changes, and we need your continuing prayers

and financial support so that we can still see scores of people come to Christ in the countries where we will continue to work. Just as a note, we have already shared the Gospel this year in Kenya and Uganda with over 200,000 people with over 30,000 of these praying to receive Christ. So truly, we can say the "fields are still white unto harvest."

## So, I Am Appealing To You!

As we are forced to cut back in a lot of our work, I want to personally appeal to all of you. Please don't stop praying for us, and please don't stop giving because too much is at stake as we continue to labor in the fields that are most fruitful. There is so much to do for Jesus in these last days, just before He comes again. Please stay on our team and help us to not only evangelize as many people as possible, but help us do a better job of discipleship which is indeed a strong part of the Great Commission. If you will continue to help us, we will do whatever we can to keep reaching souls and bringing them into God's body, the church. And, we will do our best to recruit some new helpers along the way so that we can keep telling the old, old story of God's amazing grace. Please don't be a bystander looking on, but continue to be a participant in all that God is doing. We need you, and most of all, Jesus needs you to continue to be a part of His Kingdom plan. We must never get over the wonder of being God's ambassador for His Kingdom down here on this earth!







#### We Need Your Help To Ship Two Containers!

A few weeks ago, just before our team left for Africa, GIMI received two straight truck loads of over 200,000 copies of the Gospel of John and also the Book of Romans. We are presently expecting to receive many pallets of Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions from Bearing Precious Seed Ministries in Milford, Ohio. We desperately need to raise over \$15,000 to get these two containers to Kenya and Uganda. Will you please consider helping us raise these funds to make sure that God's Word is placed in the hands of thousands of people in Africa? The quicker we raise these extra funds, the sooner thousands of people will get a copy of God's precious Word. If you could help us with this, please send your gifts to

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#### A Tremendous Need In Uganda

Having just returned from Uganda, I can truthfully say that in addition to shipping the container with Bibles and materials to Uganda, we need desperately to purchase a better van for Rev. William Ssentumbwe and his colleagues. We have two older vans in Uganda. The older van is a late 1980's model, and the better one is a 1994 model. Both of these vehicles really need a lot of work done on them! Honestly, I am not sure that either of them is worth the extra expense. So, we need your help to purchase a better van to be used in our Uganda ministry. We are told that we probably can purchase a much better van for about \$20,000 - \$25,000.

If we can purchase this better van, this should help our ministry tremendously! Then we can keep the better of the old vans to haul our humanitarian assistance to the prisons and schools. We desperately need to solve these travel problems because folks, I assure you that we don't want our dear people having breakdowns out on the roads in Uganda. Right now, the traffic jams and roads are the worst I have ever seen anywhere in Africa through my 31 years of working there.

So, my dear friends, could you and/or a small group of your friends make these needs your special project? Maybe you could get your pastor and church family to invest in shipping the containers and/or in helping us buy a better van. I sincerely promise you could never help meet any greater needs! Just remember, our goals are to raise \$15,000 to ship two containers full of Bibles and materials and to purchase a much better van for the ministry in Uganda. By the way, having good vehicles in our African countries is a <u>must</u> to provide safety for our nationals and also for the teams that we take to Africa from America. So, let me say it one more time! **THESE NEEDS ARE DESPERATE!** 



# Gateway International Baptist Church Is Growing!

Before moving on with my article this time, I did want to share with you that our Gateway International Baptist Church is growing. We have not been growing rapidly, but recently we have broken 70 in attendance on Sunday morning several times. I believe we are getting ready to really reach a lot of new people. The reason I say this is that JoAnne and I have been so busy trying to get ready for our recent trip to Africa, that we have just not been able to work on behalf of our new church ministry the way we would prefer to. But, now that the African trip is just past and we are in the process of cutting way back in some of our countries, we feel that we will be able to give more time to the church. We are truly excited about the future of our church, and we are very excited about seeing new people here in America come to Christ. It has been our privilege to baptize 24 people in the past year, and we now have four more people that are awaiting baptism. I would encourage all of you who live within this area to come visit with us during one of our worship services if you do not have a regular church home where the Bible is preached exegetically each time you meet. Our church family truly loves people, and we want everyone who comes our way to feel loved and appreciated regardless of their class, race, or ethnic background. I sincerely believe that no one will every come to GIBC without feeling loved and wanted. We make a special effort to reach out and touch the lives of scores of people, and we want everyone who attends our church to know that everybody is a special somebody! I am truly honored to be the pastor of this wonderful church body.



# Gateway International Bible College Fall Semester Begins September 1, 2016

Before I close my article this time, I want to mention that our Fall Semester of Gateway International Bible College will begin on Thursday evening, September 1, 2016 here on our home campus. Our classes are held in house on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The courses that will be offered during this upcoming semester are: English Composition 101, taught by Patsy Little; New Testament Survey 101 and Accountable Stewardship 101, taught by me. We want to encourage those of you in this greater area to truly consider becoming a part of this new learning experience. If you have already attended another school, especially a Bible School, we will do our best to give you as much credit as we possibly can if your courses align with our Bachelor of Biblical Studies program. I would remind you that the only cost for enrollment is a one time \$100.00 Application Fee and a few other matriculation fees. Tuition is free if you will sign an agreement to do three things: 1. You must maintain a C average during your course of study. 2. You must complete at least two years of the program of study which you choose. 3. You must conduct yourselves according to student our behavior requirements both in class and out of class while you are a student here at Gateway International Bible College. So, why don't you prayerfully consider enrolling with us.

Also, I want to mention that we have Extension Classes which several people are participating in. If you live away from this area or you are in another country, we will do our best to accommodate you in helping you to excel in your studies if you will do your best. During our recent trip to Kenya and Uganda, we had many prospective students who took applications to begin their Bible and ministry education. Hopefully, everyone of these new applicants will do well in their studies. I also want to mention that we are getting sponsors for even the Application Fees for those of you that enroll overseas! So, don't put it off any longer! Enroll now for the upcoming Fall Semester. God's work deserves our best!

Eternally grateful,

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