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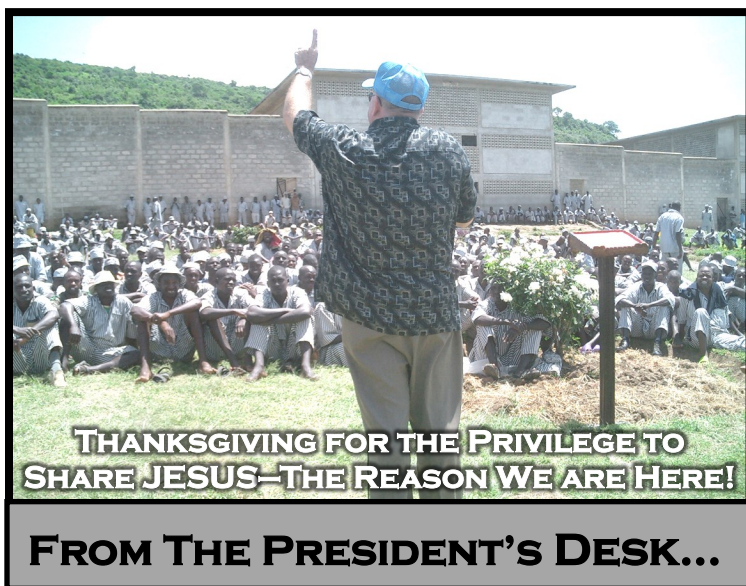


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Blessed Happy Thanksgiving greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus! It is so hard for me to believe that Thanksgiving Day is here again in America, and yes, even to think that the Christmas season is here as well. Jo Anne and I sincerely want to wish you and your family and friends a wonderful Christ-exalting Thanksgiving Season celebration. Truly, this is a very special time for every child of God in America as we offer our Thanksgiving to God for allowing us to live in this great country, even with so much evil and vicious conflict that is going on right now.

When we think of Thanksgiving Day, we must remember the origin of this great day of celebration, and we must make sure that our children and grandchildren are taught to remember the true meaning of this special time of the year.

"Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a

proclamation by George Washington after a request by congress. Thomas Jefferson (who was a Deist, and not a Christian) chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, when Thanksgiving became a federal holiday in 1863, during the American Civil War. Lincoln proclaimed a national day of 'Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens,' to be celebrated on the last Thursday November."¹

"The event that Americans commonly call the 'First Thanksgiving' was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Wilson—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims."²

Friends, Thanksgiving is a very special time of the year for every American who has been blessed to live in this country, but for those of us who have genuinely been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, it is truly a time to reflect upon the goodness of God because He has blessed us in so many ways. Of course, the main ways are that we are permitted to be His children, live in His family, grow and develop in our relationship with Him, and to know that if we should die we are going to wake up in heaven.

Jo Anne and I were just talking a short time back about how so many of the obituaries that we read in the paper list the names of many people that we have known, that we have pastored and led, that we have worked with in the Kingdom of God, and that we have tried to minister to in so many ways. Then, we see the names of so many preacher friends and faithful servants of God, who have just left the scene to go on that final journey to heaven. I must tell you that all of these dear friends passing on make this life so much lonelier

because these precious people have left us. Yet, we do hold firmly to the hope that one day, probably very soon, we will see all of them again as we enjoy the reunion in the presence of Jesus!

1 Wikipedia.org., Thanksgiving, page 1.

2 Ibid, page 1.

A Thanksgiving Tribute To Dr. Bill Stafford



As I talk about these precious people who have recently gone home to be with Jesus, the one that probably somewhat selfishly breaks my heart the most was Dr. Bill Stafford. Dr. Stafford, who was a very well-known evangelist and servant of God, went home to be with Jesus on September 15, 2019, at the age

of 86. Brother Bill, as most people called him, was one of the greatest men of God that I ever worked with here on this earth. During my many years as a Senior Pastor, Brother Bill preached for us many times in the three largest churches that I pastored. There was no one in America that had a deeper desire to see genuine revival in the churches of America and in many other parts of the world.

Brother Bill had a tremendous spirit of love and compassion for people, but this didn't hinder him from preaching the truth of the Gospel without fear or favor. During the many times he preached in the churches where I pastored, God used him so mightily, with scores of people coming to the altar in repentance and huge numbers of people getting saved during his invitations and altar calls. He was truly a Holy Spirit anointed man of God, and it didn't take very long in any evangelism service for anyone to sense the presence of God in his preaching, thus giving a valid evidence of his holy walk with God. Brother Bill loved Jesus with all of his heart, and he constantly had it on his heart to see a spiritual awakening in the churches of America.

Some of the greatest testimonies I have ever heard about how God could use an evangelist in the local churches have been about Brother Bill. I distinctly remember one that will always stand out in my mind. This great revival broke out in Westside Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida many years ago. As I heard this testimony, I remember that Brother Bill started preaching there on a Sunday morning in a projected one

week revival meeting. On the very first day, revival came to that church. This revival meeting lasted over one month, with over 700 people getting saved and hundreds of believers repenting of sin and making brand new commitments to Jesus! Truly, truly, God had His hand upon Dr. Bill Stafford. Oh yes, we are truly going to miss this great servant of God, but we do know that he is now out of his suffering, and he has a clear and distinct mind. Folks, please help us pray for his dear wife, Sue, and for his entire family. Never a greater man of God has walked in shoe leather on this earth than Dr. Bill Stafford! And yet, if he were here and heard me say this, he would immediately hang his head in embarrassment because he was such a humble servant of God. My final word is this, "May God raise up some more men who will follow in the footsteps of Dr. Bill Stafford, a prophet to this generation!"

God Continues To Give GIMI The Great Harvest!!

Folks, I know that every time we do a newsletter, I always share much information about the harvest, but why not? That is what this entire ministry is all about—winning people to Jesus! **I am thrilled to share with you that this year from January through the month of September, our GIMI national preachers and workers, along with our American mission teams, have shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with 743,123 people in our ten African countries. From these, God has given us 111,884 first-time professions of faith in Christ. All we can say is "Hallelujah and praise to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!"**

I also want to say that every week through our wonderful national preachers and teachers on the fields, we are seeing hundreds and hundreds of these converts **"grow in grace and in the knowledge our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him, be the glory, both now and forever. Amen!" (II Peter 3:18)** Also, I want to tell you that because our primary ministry is in the prisons of Africa, we are seeing scores of inmates released from prison after their lives have been gloriously changed by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because they become new creatures in Christ, God provides forgiveness, and many times, the prison officials see such a difference that they send them back home to be with their families! Praise the Lord!

As we thank God for this wonderful spiritual harvest at this Thanksgiving time of the year, let me give you some wonderful Scripture, which I am presently writing

on in the Book of II Corinthians. Please pay close attention to this Thanksgiving message. *"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service no only supplieth the want of the saints; but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."* (II Corinthians 9:6-15.)

This is quite a long passage of Scripture, but it is filled with Biblical truth and principles. Some of those principles are:

1. We must learn to give bountifully, for if we don't, our harvest will be sparse. v. 6
2. We must learn to give bountifully with a Godly purpose in mind. v. 7a
3. We must learn to give cheerfully, because God loves a cheerful giver. v. 7b
4. We must learn to give to others, because God will give more grace when grace has been shown to others. v. 8a
5. We must learn to completely depend upon the graciousness of God in His meeting our every need, so that in turn, we may do good work in ministering to others. v. 8b
6. We must learn to give to the poor, because this righteous deed will never be forgotten by our Lord. v. 9
7. We must learn to trust God to provide our food, and we demonstrate this trust when we sow good seed by investing in others who are in need. v. 10
8. We must learn that when we give bountifully by investing in those who are poor and suffering, then others will offer thanksgiving to God because of what we have done in His name. v. 11

9. We must learn that when we give offerings to minister to those in need, like those in the Jerusalem church for which the Corinthians were receiving an offering, then, those to whom we have given will offer much thanksgiving to God for our ministry to them. v. 12

10. We must learn that when we give offerings to help those in need, we are displaying that we are genuine believers who are truly sharing liberally because of our relationship with Christ. v. 13

11. We must learn that when we minister to the suffering, then they are prone to offer fervent prayers on our behalf. v. 14a

12. We must learn that when we minister to the suffering, then, the recipients of our ministry will prayerfully long for the type of graciousness we have demonstrated to them. v. 14b

13. We must learn that the greatest way to offer true thanksgiving is to demonstrate help to alleviate the suffering of those who are hurting, who in turn will thank God for the unspeakable gift of the Gospel message. v. 15

Now, what is the summation of all of these Biblical principles which Paul gave to the Corinthian church and to us as well? The summation is that when we as God's people learn the joy of giving cheerfully to those who are in need of the Gospel or are in tremendous poverty, then, we have demonstrated the true Gospel message. Thus, those who give cheerfully will be offering thanksgiving for the privilege to give, and then, those who receive from our kind generosity, will also offer tremendous praise and thanksgiving to God for touching our hearts to lead us to give! In other words, there will be Thanksgiving all around!



**PASTOR PATRICK OGABA GREETING PEOPLE
AT THE CLOSE OF A SERVICE IN A
SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEE CAMP**

Let's Give A Great Big Shout Of Thanksgiving For Our African Workers!!!

At the risk of being called crazy and arrogant, I would like to state emphatically that I know of no mission organization on earth that sees as many people come to Christ for the money spent as does GIMI. I say this because a young millennial preacher in Eastern North Carolina convinced his senior pastor to stop supporting GIMI because I had made this statement before. This young punk pastor wrote me a terrible accusatory letter calling me a liar, telling me that I had exaggerated our numbers! When I said at that time we got someone saved for every \$2.00 we spent, this young whippersnapper got so mad that he had to write a three page letter rebuking this old preacher! Yet, his pastor went along with this young professing preacher and signed the letter. **The truth is that presently, for every \$3.00 we send, we see some person come to Christ!** You might wonder how this is possible! Well, the truth is that we can do this by using our African nationals who don't require \$80,000 plus dollars per person each year to send American missionaries to our fields.

Oh yes, we need our American brothers and sisters to go to Africa and share the Gospel, train our leaders, and encourage our workers, but instead of paying \$80,000 per missionary, because of the African economies, we are able to preach and teach the Gospel for \$300 or less per month, per person. So, instead of \$80,000 per missionary, we are able to do so much more with \$2,400-\$3,600 per national worker. And truthfully, this is a lot of money for them. Thus, we are seeing multitudes come to Christ because of the faithfulness of our dear African people.

So, I want all of you precious GIMI Team Members to really say a prayer of Thanksgiving for all of our GIMI national workers. They are doing so very much good for the least of expenses, and we should be thanking them from the depths of our hearts. And may I say, there is just no way that this great ministry could continue to see so many people saved without the faithfulness of our nationals! May God bless all of you dear servants of God in Africa. I also want to offer Thanksgiving to Jesus for Sister Patsy Little, our Office Administrator, who works so diligently for GIMI. In addition, I thank God for my dear precious wife, Jo Anne, for the hours and hours of work she does each week on behalf of GIMI. I also say thanks to God for our GIMI Board Members, who continue to encourage us in this great task of winning thousands to Christ each year!

We Need Cows, Cows, and More Cows For Christmas!

Well, we have talked much about Thanksgiving, but let me now encourage all of you to get in the Christmas spirit by joining us in giving meat for Christmas to many prisoners in the prisons of Uganda. Over 30 years ago, while Jo Anne and I were still working with Mickey and Alice Parrish in Africa, we started the annual Christmas Cow project for the inmates in Uganda. Because most of the prisoners in the Ugandan prisons never get meat but maybe one day per year, for all these years, my wife and I have raised money each year to help purchase cows for Christmas. Every Christmas morning, we have the cows killed. Then on Christmas afternoon, we serve stew beef, rice, bread, greens or spinach, plus, juice and cookies to hundreds of inmates in Uganda. We do this because we love these precious people, hundreds of which have given their lives to Christ. This is truly a major project for us each year, and although it is very costly, it is truly appreciated by the inmates.

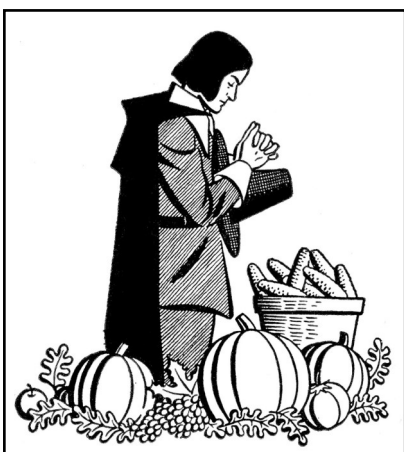
Last year, we purchased somewhere around 30 cows because at the last minute, the cost of the cows was suddenly raised on us. This year, we believe the cost will be between \$300-\$350 per cow, but I promise you that we are now negotiating the cost of these much needed animals. And may I say, that everyone gets so excited about providing meat on Christmas Day, unless of course it is left-wing Congress woman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her crazy friends. Obviously, they don't read the Bible, because Paul told young Timothy the following in **1 Timothy 4:1-3—*"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."*** These weird people need Jesus so desperately because they have no idea what truth is.

We surely need your help in buying meat for the inmates. So, let me appeal to all of you to please consider making a special one-time gift of between \$300 and \$350 to purchase a cow for some very hungry people. I wish we knew the cost for sure, but last year, the price changed at the last minute, and we fear this might happen again. So, if God leads you to help us, just send a check to GIMI, P.O. Box 667, Taylorsville, NC 28681 and designate the gift for the Christmas cows. I sincerely believe God will reward you in many ways, if you will help us feed the hungry while sharing the Gospel with these who need Jesus!

Our GIMI Radio Ministry Is Booming!!

I say booming, because after I have spent hours in trying to record the broadcasts, then, I am thankfully having to respond to scores of e-mails, letters, and some phone calls, trying so hard to help those who are getting saved, being challenged, wanting to grow in the Lord, and needing Bibles, materials, and Bible Commentaries. The majority of our contacts are coming from Africa, but, praise the Lord, this is what we were praying for! Right now, we are presently on 60 radio stations, 48 of which are here in America and the other 12 are in Africa. God is truly blessing this newly restored ministry, and we are so grateful to Him for what He is doing through radio. Recording all of these weekly broadcasts is demanding, but I am willing to do it, if you, our beloved GIMI Team members, can continue to help us pay for the airtime, the shipping of books and materials to the listeners, and for the equipment we need to keep producing these wonderful programs. Once again, I would like to appeal to many of you to please consider helping us with this unique ministry. It is very refreshing to me at this point in my life, to have this privilege of sharing the wonderful Word of God with thousands of people by the means of radio, when, because of my declining health, I can't continue to make so many trips to Africa like I used to! By the way folks, we do need to help purchase some nice radios for some of our prisons in Uganda, so that they can listen to the broadcast each weekend. The cost of these larger radios is \$200 each, if some of you could please help us! What a great Christmas present to help us get out the Gospel message!

I would also like to share with you that it is my fervent prayer that God might send the funds for us to enlarge the radio ministry, especially to more African communities where we have been working in the prisons for years and years. I hope many of you will consider this investing in the souls of men, women, boys, and girls by giving to our GIMI Radio Ministry. If you have any questions about this ministry, just please let me know!



A Word Of Thanks To Our Zambia Mission Team!

A lot of you dear supporters spent a lot of time in special prayer for Dr. Tommy Snyder, our GIMI Vice-president, Dr. Rick Via, and Randy Wills, who flew out to Zambia during September. There they conducted a large Pastors' and Church Leaders' Training Conference and three-day outdoor crusade for the Bethel Mission Church Ministry, under the direction of Pastor Stephen Kaindu.

This wonderful team had a productive and fruitful time in the Lord with almost 250 pastors and church leaders attending the conference and with 164 people getting saved during just three nights of crusade activities. God really used this small team on behalf of this GIMI sponsored special project, even if we were somewhat disappointed in the attendance of the three night crusade. Yet, we are so grateful to Pastors Tommy and Rick, and also, for Deacon Randy, for the great work they did. Truly, you men of God represented our ministry so very well! We are very proud of you!



Our Next GIMI Annual Board Meeting Is Scheduled For January 10-11, 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with all of you GIMI Board Of Directors that our next Annual Meeting Is Scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday morning, January 10-11, here at our GIMI Headquarters. Jo Anne and I sincerely pray that each of you board members will be able to attend this very important meeting. We will be serving Friday evening dinner, Saturday morning breakfast, and Saturday lunch for those of you who will be here. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. Also, if some of you need hotel reservations, please let Sister Patsy Little know, and she can help you! I pray you come prayed up and fired up about winning people to Christ! That's what we are all about! Of course, you know this by now!

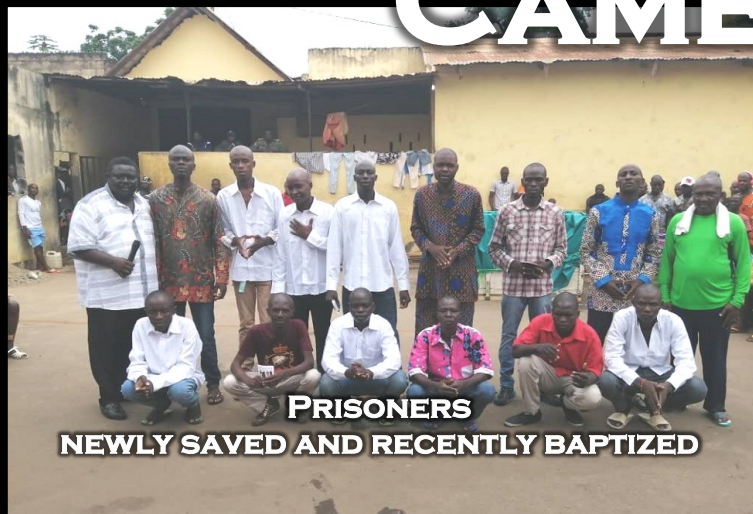


**PASTOR EMMANUEL CHONGWAN
PREACHING IN A PRISON**



**A LARGE PRISON IN CAMEROON
WITH FOOD GIVEN BY GIMI**

CAMEROON



**PRISONERS
NEWLY SAVED AND RECENTLY BAPTIZED**



**PASTOR EMMANUEL
WITH PRISONERS AND PROVISIONS !**



**PASTOR ISRAEL NGIRABABO CONDUCTING
A RECONCILIATION AND PEACE SEMINAR**



**PASTOR ISRAEL
SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH THREE MUSLIMS**

DR CONGO



**PASTOR ISRAEL
PREACHING IN A LARGE PRISON**



**PASTOR ISRAEL
CONDUCTING A PASTORS' SEMINAR**



PREACHER JAMES CHELIMO SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH FIRST TIME OFFENDERS



ONE OF OUR KENYA PREACHERS WITH A PRISONER GETTING READY TO BE RELEASED

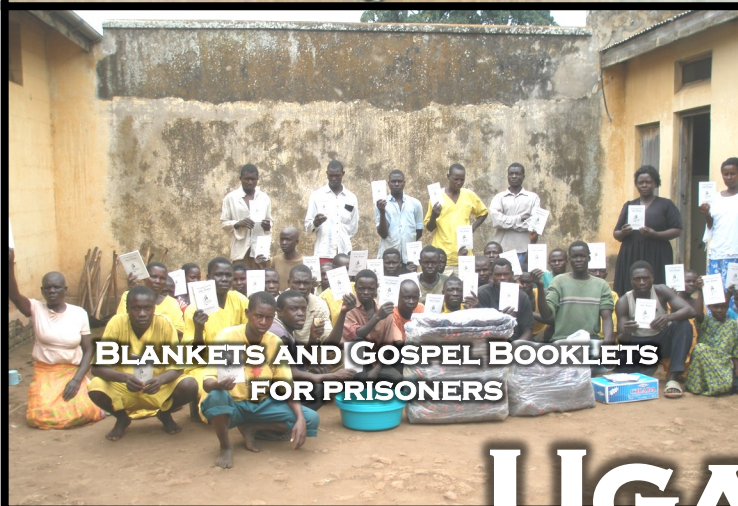
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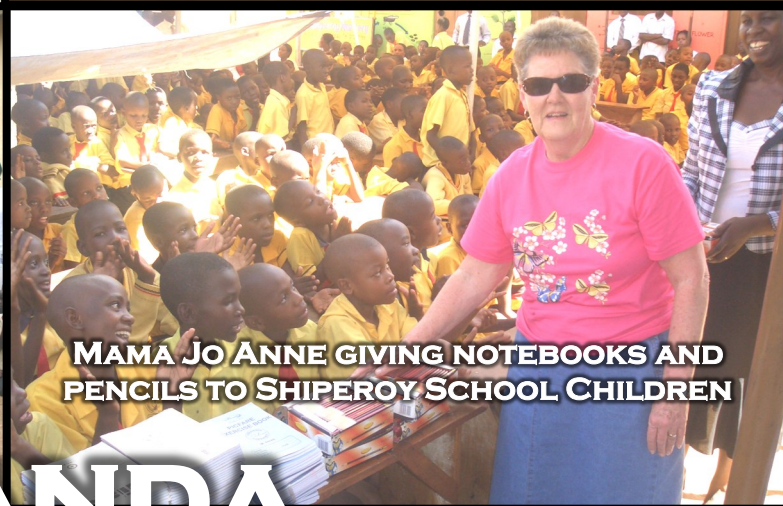
BROTHER SAMMY MBUGUA PROVIDING SOAP AND TISSUE TO A SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME



BROTHER SAMMY DELIVERING HYGIENE ITEMS TO YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS

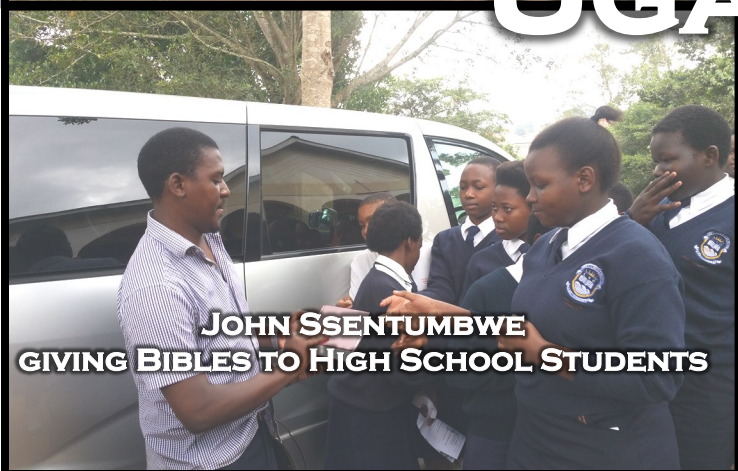


BLANKETS AND GOSPEL BOOKLETS FOR PRISONERS



MAMA JO ANNE GIVING NOTEBOOKS AND PENCILS TO SHIPEROY SCHOOL CHILDREN

UGANDA



JOHN SSENTUMBWE GIVING BIBLES TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



LADY PRISONERS WITH THEIR NEW BIBLES GIVEN BY BEARING PRECIOUS SEED MINISTRY

Upcoming Mission Trips To Africa

Most of you know that during the past two years, I have not been able to travel to Africa and lead in our ministry like I used to. But, almost every day during this time, I have been in my personal study and office working constantly on the plans and prospects for our GIMI work. In addition, my son, Pastor Joel Frye, and Pastor Tommy Snyder have made some trips in my place. For these true servants of God, I am so thankful. Yet, if God will bring me through some impending surgeries, I surely would like to take another team back to our beloved Africa. So, as usual, we will make some plans to go, and then see, how God will work it out! I ask all of you to really pray that God might genuinely heal me once more so that I can return to our mission fields, where so many people are getting saved! Let me ask many of you to prayerfully consider "launching out into the deep", "getting out of your comfort zone", and coming on a mission trip for Jesus! I promise you that if you do, you will never be the same again!

Evangelism and Training Trip To Uganda, March 9-21, 2020

Let me first tell you about our very next mission trip to Africa. This trip is planned for March 9-21, 2020, and it is planned for Uganda. We need to build a team to go to our beloved Uganda and there bring all of our preachers and teachers from all of our countries in Africa in for four days of intense training for our national workers. It will certainly cost us quite a bit of money, but with my not being able to travel all over like I used to, this is the best way for us to bring our GIMI Team together and better equip our people to share the Gospel, work by the same rules, and "keep the main thing the main thing". That is, that we continue to make soul winning and evangelism our priority with discipleship coming right behind! We hope to bring our preachers into Uganda from as far away as Liberia, Cameroon, Burundi, the DRC, Rwanda, Kenya, and South Sudan. In order to do this, we will need to raise a good amount of funds for travel and lodging, plus of course, food for every attendee. We will need to fly some of our people to Uganda, while others may be able to come by bus. Please begin praying right now that God will meet these needs and that He will bless these special days of much needed training.

I hope we can take some dedicated preachers, teachers, and other people with us to help preach and teach the Gospel while the training sessions are going on back at our GIMI compound. If you might be interested in



helping us with this wonderful trip, we need to hear from you very soon. There is a projected cost of between \$2,800.00 and \$3,000.00 give or take some. So, just contact our offices, or you can contact me personally at gimi@charter.net.

Evangelism and Medical Trip To Uganda, June 1-13, 2020

Our second mission team trip for next year will be June 1-13, 2020. During this trip, we are planning to take a medical team with us to Uganda. The team, under the leadership of Pastor Joel Frye, will be going to conduct medical clinics in prisons and schools, do evangelism, and present the Gospel in every prison and school where the team will work. We need some doctors, nurses, pharmaceutical people, first responders, some very dedicated counselors who can share the Gospel, and, some preachers and teachers who will be able to share the Gospel message through preaching and teaching. The projected cost for this trip will be between \$2,800.00 and \$3,000.00, give or take some. If you have any questions about this trip, please let us know! And dear friends, we will really need quite a bit of help to purchase between \$400 and \$500 worth of medicine per day for ten days, which equals \$4,000 to \$5,000. I pray that many of you might truly be able to invest in both the physical and spiritual endeavors of this unique trip.

Evangelism And Training Trip To Kenya, October 5-17, 2020

Our third mission trip for 2020 is scheduled for October 5-17, 2020. Our team will be flying to Kenya, where for 10 days, this team will be doing evangelism in the prisons and schools. There will be a couple of days within these 10 days for training our national workers and other church leaders. We invite many of you to really pray about going with us on this "Safari for Jesus". The projected cost is between \$3,000 and \$3,300. If you would like some additional information concerning this trip, just let us know. You can call our office and talk to Sister Patsy Little, or you can contact me personally by e-mail. I promise you that if you make this trip for Jesus, you will return to America a different person for Christ!

We Must Ship Another Container Right Away!

At the time of this writing, we are in the process of trying to get cost estimates on shipping another container to Africa. Down through the past 30+ years, we have shipped many of these in order to provide, Bibles, New Testaments, Gospel Tracts, and a lot of personal items for the children in prisons, schools, and orphanages. Yesterday, I was on the phone talking to our Uganda Director, Rev. William Ssentumbwe. He told me that he and our workers there are out of Bibles, booklets, and Gospel tracts. This truly saddens me, but because the cost of shipping has gone up so much in the past few years, we have really had to cut back on shipping these containers. In fact, right now, it costs us almost \$12,000 to ship a container from the port here in America all the way to Mombasa, Kenya, and then, another 1,000 miles inland to Uganda. We used to ship a 20 ft. container with 45,000 lbs. of materials for less than \$8,000. But now, it is more than \$12,000 to ship a 20ft. container with less than 30,000 lbs. of materials. It just seems that the expenses never stop rising. But, we also know that if we can't distribute Bibles and other materials, it really hurts our ministry. And by the way, we have been getting these wonderful Bibles and booklets free of charge from Bearing Precious Seed in Milford, Ohio for years and years, while the cost of one small Bible in Uganda is \$7.00 each. So, it is much better to ship the container if possible.

Also, when we used to ship a container to Kenya, the cost was about \$5,000. But now, because of new taxes and other expenses, we have to spend almost \$9,000 to ship one 20 ft. container to Nairobi, Kenya. These costs just keep going up, but we desperately need to ship a 20ft. container of these Bibles and other materials. So, we are right now prayerfully making plans to ship at least one container to Kenya, and then, maybe we can ship some items over to Uganda on a bus. This is usually less expensive because we can at least ship them in bits and pieces at different times.

So my dear friends, if some of you people who believe in getting the Word of God into the hands of spiritually hungry people could help with these costs, **WE WILL BE SO APPRECIATIVE!!!!**



Merry Christmas To Everyone!

I am going to close my newsletter article this time by extending to you and your family our prayers for you and yours to have the best Christmas celebration that you have ever experienced. I sincerely love this time of the year because it gives us a special time to commemorate the coming of the Christ child into this world in the stable in Bethlehem. We need to remember that for 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament, there had not been a prophet of God on the scene preaching the truth of God's Word. But yet, through men like Isaiah and Jeremiah, Israel was warned over and over again about the coming of the Messiah. Still, multitudes didn't believe their message any more than many believe our message today, that Christ is soon to come again.

But suddenly, in the midst of the night sky, the angel of the Lord appeared out in the shepherds' fields and announced to these very ill-kempt and unlikely characters that the Christ child had been born in Bethlehem. This story of our Lord's coming and the surrounding events can be found in **Luke 2:1-52**. What a precious thing it was that the announcement was given to the shepherds who were looked upon with disdain and disrespect. But yet, these were the ones that Jesus desired to appear to first—those whom others rejected and hated, but those whom Jesus loved! He still does!

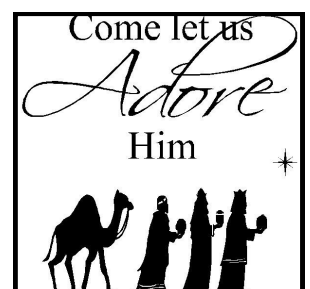
So, the Christ child was born as Emmanuel, God with us incarnate in human flesh. He came as a man, but because of His deity, He was sinless, and therefore, He alone was suited to die on the cross and pay our sin debt. Then, He arose on the third day to give us eternal life. Down from His throne He came, but when his task was completed, back to His throne He returned. And, one day very soon, He is coming back as the King of kings and Lord of lords! He is coming as the ruling King of the universe. Then, when all things are completed following His return, we will live with Him forever and ever in new glorified bodies! Praise the Lord! No more sin, no more sickness, no more hurt, no more pain, and all of this because of Christmas! My friends, we do have much reason to celebrate!

Have a Merry and Holy Christmas,

Dr. Stan Frye

President of GIMI and GIBC

Luke 2:11



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