



“Come With Us To Kenya”

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Dear "Come With Us to Kenya" Prayer Partners,

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Thank you so much for your prayers while I was in Kenya (May 8 - 23). What an awesome trip! We have between 250-300 students for the new school year at Pentecostal Bible College in Nyang'ori, Kenya. I taught Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) to the 59 students who comprise the Diploma 2011 class. In addition to covering a fair amount of synoptic content we experienced outpourings of the Holy Spirit while class was in session. We are very grateful to God for His ministering presence.

meetings and a Board of Governors meeting.

I mentioned in our last update that a friend, Rev. Kevin Mills, accompanied me on this trip. Kevin had a great time. He found an effective ministry niche during his two weeks in Nyang'ori. Purposeful short term ministry trips are an incredible experience. There are many opportunities in Nyang'ori which short termers can be involved in to help strengthen the ministry of the Bible College. Anyone interested? Let's talk! Kevin is now helping us by putting together a professional quality DVD of the May ministry trip to Nyang'ori.



PBC students reaching out to God in chapel following the ministry of the Word

I also spoke in Bible College Chapel three times. Bible College Chapel services in Nyang'ori are amazing. Our students are deeply in love with Jesus; they are so hungry for God's Word and so open to experience all that God wants to do in their lives through the operation of His Spirit. I also engaged in administrative work pertaining to the office of Academic Dean. I signed and distributed numerous report cards from the previous term and also attended two Faculty Council



Kevin with PBC footballers

Our final day of the trip was spent in Nairobi. It was a full and good day. On this day I was able to secure three important documents: a Kenyan driver's license, a work permit and a re-entry permit (visa). We also visited Pan Africa Christian

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Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us...



Michael with Misheck at PAC University in Nairobi

University. Dr. Misheck Nyirenda introduced me to his Old Testament Theology class and also had one of his students lead out in prayer for Sheila. It was a very moving experience. Sheila and I first met Misheck when we were serving at Trans-Africa Theological College in Zambia in the early 1990s. In those days Misheck was a student--an excellent student. Today he is a gifted and respected Spirit-filled African scholar.

There have been some tremendously positive developments with Sheila's health. On Sunday May 24 we attended the inaugural service for Pastor Alvin Peddle at Marmora Pentecostal Church. Then on Thursday May 28 we spoke to a Ladies Prayer Group at Kingston Gospel Temple and on Sunday May 31--Pentecost Sunday--we attended Ottawa Woodvale and were deeply blessed by Pastor Mark Scarr's preaching. The significance of all this for us is that Sheila--due to her immune system being compromised as a result of chemotherapy--had not been in any type of worship service since early January!

Sheila began 16 sessions of radiotherapy on Tuesday June 2 at Kingston General Hospital. This is good news for three reasons: 1. There was some talk that she might be scheduled for 20 sessions of

radiotherapy, 2. She is starting radiotherapy earlier than anticipated, thus she will finish radiotherapy earlier than anticipated, and 3. In the providence of God radiotherapy is part of the healing path for Sheila on this journey through, what one writer has called, "cancer land." Praise the Lord for good news! We are trusting that the customary radiotherapy side effect of fatigue won't be too difficult of a problem for Sheila.

This trial by cancer has been, to say the least, a bit of a tough journey these past 7-8 months but we have discovered, perhaps in a deeper way than we have ever known, that God's grace and God's peace are more than sufficient.

Thank you so much for your prayers--prayers that have been strategically used of God to bring blessing to our lives in the midst of a difficult and, humanly speaking, uncertain time. God is good! All the time! God is good! And, as our students in Kenya would add, "And that is His Nature."

Trusting in the Lord Who Heals and Standing on His Powerful Word,

Michael and Sheila Middlebrook



Sheila is now finished chemotherapy! The popsicle combats chemo-induced cold sores