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Mission Update From Jos Nigeria

Keeping the main thing:

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At times we can barely hang on as the days fill up, the hours slip by, and we lay down at night wondering what happened... and where did the day go!

School is in full swing. This fall term, I am teaching Year 1 in Acts, and Year 3 in Romans & Galatians. Marci is again active in the Ladies Day meetings around the Jos area. Of course, the dessert topping to the week is the Sunday visits to the local Jos congregations. Reacquainting with brethren that we have grown to love and regard in our campaigns. What a joy it is to return and pick right back up.

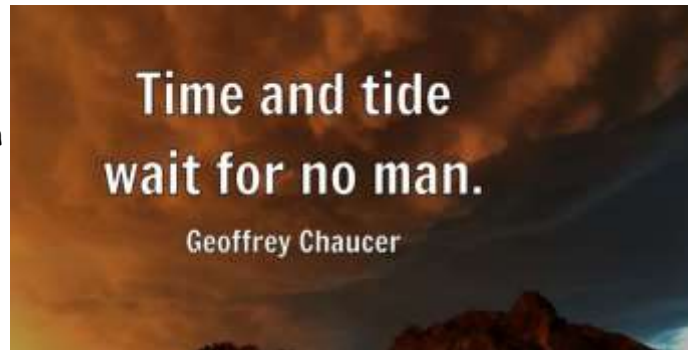
As our work develops (expands?!), this time around we are also very engaged with delivering the evangelism kits provided



from World Video Bible School (WVBS) Church of Christ Donation Fund (CCDF). We are privileged to deliver these kits

in the name of supporters that contribute to CCDF. Each kit provides three hard drives with over 4 TB of videos featuring about 250 programs comprising over 2500 lessons that would be equivalent to 900 DVDs.

Included in each kit is a battery powered portable projector that the drives can directly connect to. All the online WVBS Bible School courses plus the topical material featured on their online video website (www.wvbs.org). These are a treasure trove of sound biblical instruction in a single portable kit that would otherwise be unobtainable in so many parts of Africa. The brethren are ecstatic to for such gifts. One kit was delivered to the School of Biblical Studies, principally for faculty in their extension training work and sharing with local congregations. A second kit will be deployed with the mobile "Salvation Station," which is a school bus being outfitted by the school's Director of Development, brother Steve Worley (Savannah TN). Destined and built for miles, it will provide a transportable self-contained, fully equipped evangelism platform, including a baptistry and preaching platform well suited to "open air" village meetings as much as congregation



evangelism campaigns conducted in the more rural communities. A third kit will be delivered to a team of steadfast graduates that have returned to their village in Kenema, Sierra Leone. The fourth kit will be delivered to a brother and recent graduate who is very active in the work in his village in Bulumino, Uganda (see picture @ bottom of page). To augment the sharing of this resource, copies were made of the drives on single high-capacity drives as well as partial downloads onto whatever USB thumb drives I could scrounge. These are passed out as far and wide as possible. The holders of the kits are advised to be "central repositories" but distribute and share as much as possible.



the main thing:

Another exciting ongoing project to share with you is care of a very giving couple who as farmers themselves, are very sensitive to the precious resource of water. They had asked us if we would locate communities in need of clean water and see what could be done. If you have ever visited impoverished and undeveloped areas, you are aware of the dire need for clean water. Water contamination, and

water borne disease (e.g., typhoid fever, cholera, etc.) continues to be a serious issue and life threatening matter. There are no public municipal services that provide water. Many homes do not have plumbing even if water was available. Obtaining water for consumption and other household needs is a daily time-consuming task.

We have been able to identify up to four sites that we have had geological surveys conducted and are now in work to bring to contract with a borehole driller. Three of the four boreholes are to be drilled on church lots, the fourth on the land shared by two faculty members. All of the boreholes will be fully accessible to the local communities. What a wonderful evangelism and outreach opportunity this will provide, in addition to the humanitarian necessity! Marci and I could have never foreseen that this work would provide us the opportunity to be involved with such a God given gift of love. It is humbling. It of course the kind intentions and good will of our Lord and Savior, as provisioned through that wonderful couple. If our calling is to be mules, then so be it... 😊

Psa 84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.



Salvation Station



"...and they came up out of the water..."

PICTURE PAGE



Peter and Michael, SBS Jos graduates and evangelists in Sierra Leone receive their supplies of bibles, song books, tracts, DVDs and stuff!



Chuck & Marci with Isaac and Chica at Alheri. Isaac is an elder there and Chica is with the faculty at SBS.



Here we are with a few of the Bukuru brethren



An example borehole. This one has a manual hand pump. It is our hope we have sufficient funds to install an electric pump and a 5000 liter tank at each site.

"And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered." (2 Chr. 31:21)