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Dear Prayer Partners,

DOOR CLOSING IN ETHIOPIA

This last year we have been working part time with Global Partners to develop the Wesleyan Church in Ethiopia. After attempting to help them move forward it seems unlikely anything will develop there. Therefore we have decided to “retire” from Global Partners. Our ministry fund at GP has been inactivated. Please do not send any more financial support to that fund. We are grateful for GP allowing us to help in Ethiopia.

Our plan is to continue to live in Marion, IN and we hope to travel back to Africa to teach and encourage as the door opens. We plan to travel to Eswatini to see our family there and to be involved in some kind of ministry here in the USA.

UGANDA

Uganda is still in a partial lockdown. The good news is that churches have formed home groups. People have been growing in their spiritual lives and inviting others to fellowship in their homes. The pastors are doing a better job of discipling their people in those house fellowships. Many people are responding to the Gospel and giving their lives to Christ. The government is now allowing churches to meet together with a limited number of people after being shut down for months.

Two Muslim families in Buwuni were delivered from demonic oppression through the ministry of a Wesleyan family there. They have given their lives to Christ and are now worshipping at Buwuni Wesleyan Church! Five more people have given their lives to Christ in the last four Sundays. God is using Rev. Oyo in a great way. Praise God!

Rev. Joseph Maruti, the pastor of Magale Wesleyan Church in Mbale District has formed 4 home groups for fellowship. He told me, “I have never seen people come to Christ as they are now. And they are serious about following Christ.” They have plans to plant two more churches from the house fellowships.

So God is using the pandemic to bring people to himself! Right after telling me of what God was doing there a number of people in his church came down with Covid. But now they are over it and everyone is doing well.

Wesleyan Bible Institute had not been able to hold classes since March because of the Covid lockdown. But during the last week of August the extension center in Mbale held a class with eight students. A new group of six has also started training in the pioneer area of Kyenjojo. They have finished the first course, Spiritual Formation.

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CAROL, I AND OUR FAMILY HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY BLESSED BY YOUR PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Thank you for your partnership with us in training the African Wesleyan Church. I am joyful and thankful because of our partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work... will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Cromer paraphrase of Philippians 1:4-6)

Praises:

- 1. Praise God for what He is doing in Uganda in the midst of the Covid pandemic.*
- 2. Praise God for the marriage of our son Jonathan and new daughter-in-law Sarah.*
- 3. Praise God for the Muslim families and others who have given their lives to Christ.*
- 4. Praise God for His faithfulness in our lives these last 30 years with Global Partners.*

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray that those who have given their lives to Christ in Uganda will grow deep in their relationship with Christ.*
- 2. Pray that God will continue to use the pandemic to draw men and women to Christ.*
- 3. Pray that Wesleyan Bible Institute will be able to continue training leaders for the harvest fields of Uganda and Kenya.*
- 4. Pray for God to lead us in the next steps in our journey and ministry.*

“WHEN MAN WORKS, MAN WORKS, WHEN MAN PRAYS, GOD WORKS.”

Thank you for everything!

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