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“... will bring it to completion ...” (Philippians 1:6).



Doug and Cheryl with 2016 BEST Graduates in Uganda

MOVING AHEAD

AS WE WRITE this letter, Cheryl and I have just completed modules in Uganda and Kenya. God has established His work in most of East Africa! It was bittersweet (but satisfying!) to be with these families that have sacrificed so much to start training programs. We both had a strong sense that our part of the ministries of Bukeeka Evangelical School of Theology (BEST) and Christ Army Mobile School of Ministry (CAMSOM) has been completed—other than occasionally returning for filling in teaching gaps or consulting. (Perhaps as Paul did on his

second and third missionary journeys?) Both of these schools have their directors in place: men of perseverance, who have faced much more difficult faith challenges than this, so we expect them to be able to continue growing the schools.

In Uganda, we attended the third graduation of BEST—the first class to reach the Advanced Diploma level (similar to a Bachelors Degree in Theology). The graduates were so pleased to finish after five years. One of them told me: “Please, thank the Churches for sending you and for the five years of notes from our courses in Bible and Theology. They have helped me walk with God. My Church is asking me to teach a class. They see I can answer

questions directly from the Bible. Soon I will be preaching and assisting the Senior Pastor in training others in sermon preparations.”

Others shared that this was their only opportunity to have theological training and added their thanks for the churches that made it possible.

So, “THANK YOU!”

We were also pleased to see **Robert and Sarah Sityo and their triplets** doing remarkably well. The children are hearty and happy eight-month-olds. Thank you for your prayers on their behalf.

Cheryl spent the week in Uganda coaching two of her students (who now are becoming the teachers) as they helped her teach the



Doug and Cheryl with Robert, Sarah and, from left, Sandra, Nathan, and Chelsea Sityo

current women's Certificate class. They had 14 women and four babies all week. It was wonderful to see these two new teachers, Irene and Florence, speak with such confidence and field the ladies' questions so well.

In Kenya, Cheryl taught for an abbreviated time while I taught one course. It was good news to hear that CAMSOM is now registered with the government. (Thank you, **Swissvale Baptist Church** ladies!) They are pressing on—with a few hiccups. The satellite school in Bungoma is on hold as there is much political unrest in the area, with different factions vying for control, periodically and unexpectedly raiding homes of local people as they scavenge for food and supplies. In spite of this, the desire to have a school in Bungoma remains.

Cheryl also taught a two-day continuing education class for last year's teaching class, reviewing Bible study methods and identifying potential lessons. On the last day there, she taught a seminar for nine Pastors' wives. It was an opportunity for networking, as most ladies did not know each another. They all seemed to be appreciative of the study and challenged by the Scriptures, and they hope this will happen again. (By the way, the young man, **Fred**, who trusted Christ last year is faithfully growing and serving Christ. He made a point of thanking us for the Bible that he even takes to school to read.)

A NOTE FROM CHERYL

Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania have been the main reasons for my travels with Doug for the last six years. However, with the completion of the ladies' classes and with other teachers now prepared, my part of this 2 Timothy 2:2 model has largely come to an end. We anticipate my travelling days will be only in the States to visit you or by special request from overseas. So that you know what God has been doing during this time, I would like to share with you some brief testimonies of the two women from Uganda who will now teach for BEST.

Irene said that she had been saved only two or three years when she first began to attend the Certificate classes. She said, "I was just a rude person—*rude!* If I became offended, I would not even talk to you. I had a disagreement once with my own mother and had not talked to her in years, but after attending these classes, I was convicted to go to my mother and ask for forgiveness. She was so surprised in the change that Christ had made in my life that she, too, trusted Him!"

Florence said, "The classes have helped me to grow in Christ so much! If you had known me before, you would know that I was a woman who always felt sorry for myself. I would think, *No one cares about me, a poor widow!* I would be afraid to speak to anyone. But now, I love Christ so much that sometimes the pastor asks me to teach before the whole church,

and I am happy to tell about my Savior and to teach everyone from the Bible."

SEPTEMBER

I (Doug) will be making two more teaching trips to Asia next month. The first is to a new venue in which local Pastors have been able to complete the training following the death of our colleague **Mark Fehrman** last year. The second will be to Mongolia, where I will not only teach the students but will also work with Mongolian leaders to prepare them to team-teach part of my course in February (if Jesus does not return first)!

Much is happening in Asia to expand the training opportunities there. It is more than I, alone, can assist in. Please pray for more Tri-M workers to come alongside these faithful Mongolian Leaders.

Also, please pray for the peace of South Sudan. The cease-fires are not working, and it is estimated that 85% of the people are not able to live in their true homes since the civil war began. This has brought more contacts for witnessing, yet, as you can probably guess, it has also brought great stress and challenges just to feed families. SSEST leaders are convinced that they can carry Tri-M training to most regions of South Sudan if only the people would stop fighting each other. Doug is scheduled in November to return to one South Sudan venue if it is open for travel.

So we hope you know by now how your investment has made a difference in so many lives, in the growth of the Church, and in the training centers. We hope you will continue to pray for these schools and people. Thank you. Please know that our partnership is not in vain in the Lord!

Serving with you,
Doug and Cheryl

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