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“Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people” (Psalm 105:1).

OH, HOW we wish you could be with us and fellowship with our African brethren! It certainly would move you to give thanks unto the Lord! I only hope we can give you a glimpse of what God is doing overseas in these places and how your support of God’s ministry, Tri-M AFRICA and the Boisverts, is assisting these servants of the Most High God to be instruments of the Holy Spirit’s deeds among men. As the rest of Psalm 105 describes, we trust this letter might also lead you to worship our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

DOUG’S LAST TRIP

Thank you for praying with us for Doug’s last trip to Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan. The teaching showed encouraging signs of being well received and also great potential for the students to leave with a desire to teach these biblical truths to the men they are discipling. As shared before, these three venues are all in what we consider “transition” mode.

CAMSOM

In Kenya, Doug assisted **Pastor Thomas** to establish his first satellite site for his school called **Christ Army Mobile School of Ministry**, or CAMSOM. Thomas took the lead and was well received as the main teacher, even with Doug present (PTL)! This step—of local leadership doing the main teaching—is often something that happens only after Doug has faded out of



Pastor Thomas Teaches at CAMSOM

the teaching picture. It was a great blessing for Doug to experience this firsthand this time—without getting in the way of the local leadership. Students presented Pastor Thomas and Doug envelopes with money inside and a note saying “For a cup of water in Christ’s name as you go. Thank you for opening up the Bible for us to study!”

BEST

In Uganda, **Bukeeka Evangelical School of Theology**, or BEST, is well on its way to completing the Diploma level of training and introducing a new, vernacular training at the basic Certificate level. This is a significant expansion effort to open up the training to the more remote village Pastors. Please pray for creativity for **Pastor Robert**, the founder and president of BEST, as he works with these Pastors. They are diligent servants of Christ, who until now have been excluded from any formal training. These Pastors have always believed

that they could never qualify to participate in any ongoing, organized training programs. God has designed this new venture so that Doug will act only as a consultant and encourager to Pastor Robert, moving BEST one step closer toward becoming a fully-indigenous training program!

SSEST

South Sudan has established its training program and is moving ahead with 63 returning students. They have officially named themselves **South Sudan Evangelical School of Theology**, or SSEST. Doug is partnering with a Ugandan ministry called **Reaching through Teaching and Training** (RTT). This ministry has the potential of leading much of the Sudanese training. With Doug’s assistance,



SSEST Men Studying

RTT could become a significant opportunity to involve more African teachers in the Sudan training. There is also a new,

more serious attitude among the SSEST students and organizers. Many are willing to travel on foot one or even two hours in darkness because they have stayed after class to work on group projects and individual assignments. One man said,

“Dr. Doug, if I go home in light, I will not have enough light left to complete my assignment.” In the early morning hours, this man must work in his fields for two or three hours before hiking the hour-long trek to sit in class all day.

OUR NEXT TRIP

Another exciting development is that Doug and Cheryl will be joined in the middle of our five-week East African teaching trip by **Dr. Frank and Alice Gainer**. Dr Gainer will be teaching a course on **biblical business practices** in the Uganda and Kenya venues. This course could assist these training programs to be locally supported and realize faster growth as a result of the model being introduced to both Pastors and Christian business-minded Church members. Please pray that everyone who attends would be sensitive to God’s leading in this new venture. Also, please join us in prayer for the Gainers. They have years of wisdom to share but will no doubt face some physical challenges as they minister.

EBM RESOLUTION MEETING

On June 20, six remaining former **Evangelical Baptist Mission** board members, who worked through the final details of dissolving the assets of EBM, hosted an open meeting in Lafayette, Indiana to explain all the steps of that difficult process. We were able attend that meeting. A full report of this meeting is being prepared for public distribution. If you desire a copy, e-mail us, and we will forward it to you as soon as we receive a copy.

We commend these faithful servants for sticking with this burdensome task that involved countless hours of work and a significant weight of responsibility. **Former administration** and other **board members** were invited to attend but evidently chose not to. Pastors and Missionaries were invited to ask questions about

the events leading up to the final closing of EBM’s doors. The six board members humbly accepted full responsibility and with openness and great sorrow, answered as best as they could the questions asked. They asked for our forgiveness, and we believe that resolution and fellowship was clearly restored between these six faithful board members and at least those of us in attendance. The six who chose to see this through to the end were **Don Whipple, Tom Wright, John Murdock, Pam Johnson, John Jackson, and Glen Brush**. **Dr. Dave Culver**, who had been a board member prior to becoming the mission’s president (and who tried desperately to salvage the mission) also was present. We do believe that by the time Dr. Culver was appointed EBM’s president, conditions were in such disarray that his only option was to expose the tragic consequences of previous poor decisions. Dave and Carolyn Culver sacrificed much—and it cost them much personally—but they have not backed down from following the Lord. We admire their transparency and integrity throughout this grievous time. We praise God for all of you as you stood with us in moving under the umbrella of **Grace Global Ministries (GGM)**.



OUR AGING TRI-M TEAM

Yes, we Tri-M missionaries are getting older! Its true for all of us, but this means that Tri-M is facing the potential of six of our eight couples needing to reduce travel or retire within the next two to five years. This opens some unexpected opportunities we had not considered until now. Our focus had been solely on introducing Tri-M to countries in *Africa*, but today we must consider an invitation to expand the training into *Mongolia*. (Yes, that’s quite a little distance from Africa!) Mongolia has experienced a recent revival and is seeing God moving in many hearts. However,

in this Buddhist country that includes various *local* religions, there are very few trained Pastors. The first group trained there by Tri-M consisted of Pastors who’d been believers for only five years or less. Many have become born again within just the past three years. These are the *leaders* of the Churches.

One group has completed Tri-M training, and it has identified and recruited two more groups for the next cycle of training. However, the two Tri-M missionaries who worked with the first group cannot commit to the new groups. Doug is scheduled to travel to Mongolia in September—just one week after returning from East Africa—to teach with **Byron Shearer** and **Dave Dernaln** and attend the first graduation in Mongolia. Please pray for stamina for Doug and the ability to remain alert to what is being discussed and planned for the future. Doug’s colleagues will introduce him to the Mongolian organizers of the first training group. Without assistance, these Mongolian former students are not yet ready to take on the training of the next two groups; so with Doug, they will evaluate whether or not God would have Doug take on the next two groups’ training, starting in 2014.

God’s timing seems to be moving Doug toward gradually fading out of some of the East African venues as the African leaders are able to take on more teaching responsibilities themselves. Doing so could realize the potential of filling the great need in Mongolia. Please pray for God’s wisdom for the Mongolian leaders and Doug as they explore this possibility.

THANKS!

Thank you for praying with us as we all serve Christ in these opportunities God opens up for each of us.

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