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“A woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised” (Proverbs 31:30).

WE ARE BEGINNING to see our students regularly appreciate what God is doing in their lives, and they are freely taking the teachings they have received to others. Isaiah 61 certainly speaks of the ministry of the Messiah in Israel, but the idea has to do with what happens to those who receive the Lord’s favor. Isaiah 61:9 says, “That their offspring (and maybe our *spiritual* offspring as well?) shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.” Our students are also becoming known as having been blessed and prepared to serve others outside their immediate area. We thank God for you and your partnership which makes this possible.

We filled our last prayer letter with highlights about the men’s classes, so as promised, this edition will focus on the women.

CAMSOM, WEST KENYA

Now that we are nearing the end of the ladies’ Certificate class sessions, ladies who started later in the cycle are scrambling to make up course work so they will be able to graduate together. I have received requests from some of the younger women to access notes and complete assignments over the Internet. I never



Cheryl Teaching at CAMSOM

expected to be training in this manner! Other students are tutoring their sisters as they review and retake tests. Most exciting, leaders are rising to the surface who will be capable of carrying on the teaching when I am no longer present! The Pastor and founder of CAMSOM (Christ Army Mobile School of Ministry) has chosen four of these women to try their wings teaching in a one-day conference on leadership. This will take place on a Saturday and target the leading women in churches near the satellite school in Bungoma. The following day they will each be the guest of a different church and teach the local women in Sunday School. They are each preparing separately and are a bit nervous but still excited. This venture was initiated by **Pastor Thomas** and will lay the foundation

for future training as well. I am encouraged that the growth of the women has made such a difference in homes and the church. It is worth exporting to others! This was by far my largest class of *babies*, who came with the moms. There were at least eight infants, who were quite well behaved, though things got a little exciting just after lunch and

right before naptime!

Cheryl has received a request from the ladies of Stage Jesus, in West Kenya, for knitting and crocheting pattern books. Knitting needles



Knitting Supplies Needed for West Kenyan Ladies

and crochet hooks would also be welcomed. Another request came for cake decorating supplies and a cake decorating “how-to” magazine with

recipes. Finally, if anyone has instructions on embroidery methods and also has some spare hoops, this would also be a blessing. The idea behind these requests is that there are many widows who have nothing to do all day but sit begging for their food. The Church ladies desire to teach them skills through classes using these craft supplies to make products they can sell or give as gifts. The teachers hope to accompany the classes with spiritual teaching. If you can help, please e-mail me (Cheryl) at trimbois@yahoo.com before sending anything, since we can carry only a limited supply. Thanks!

TURIANI, TANZANIA

The men will graduate in August, so the ladies will receive certificates for what they have completed so far. Since Doug is planning to do a test module for the higher level courses, the ladies unanimously requested that when I come in August, I teach on Christian marriage. I have



Cheryl with a Graduate in Tanzania

seen a core of about seven women emerge as capable and eager for training. It is gratifying and humbling to be able to address the hunger they have in seeing God work in their everyday lives, and I thank God for this privilege. Please keep praying for translators! In this venue, there is a primary English teacher named **Stella**, who is a mature Christian and can assist me, but it is still slow going. During the last teaching time, the local organizer hired a university student who was home on break to translate. She was willing and eager, but her exposure to English was not in a Christian setting. She did not even

own a Bible until we provided her one. She did okay in general, but when spiritual concepts needed to be communicated, Stella had to step in. In such situations we *truly* rely on the Holy Spirit's ability to guard and preserve the Word of God and communicate truth to others. Please pray for an adequate translator to rise up for the ladies in Turiani and all the other venues as well.

BUKEEKA, UGANDA

It is exciting to see that the BEST (Bukeeka Evangelical School of Theology) ladies' ministry has developed a life of its own in this place. **Sarah Sityo**, pastor's wife and my translator, has taught a couple of times in remote villages, but they were only one-time visits. I was surprised this time to hear that three of the ladies from my class were going to be taking some of the material from classes and traveling to some more remote churches to teach on a Saturday. They have been received well, and Robert is suggesting that they make this a once-a-month excursion. Sometimes the energy and creativity of our African brothers and sisters in reaching out to evangelize and strengthen the churches make us feel like slackers in comparison!

A special highlight of this trip was a visit on the way home in Kampala, Uganda with newlywed Word of Life missionaries, **David and Amanda Kirabira**. Mom and Dad, they seem to be doing great!

THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE!

In each place we have gone, we have distributed pain relievers, antibiotic cream, eye wash, glasses, and where needed, Bibles. Each time I was told to "greet our sisters in America who love us, want to help make our lives better, and care about what we suffer." So I pass this on to you, with the love and appreciation of the women you will one day meet in Heaven! This last batch of supplies came largely from



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the Ladies' Advance in Camden, Maine. You strengthen our ministry with your help. I also would like to thank the ladies of Independent Baptist of Towanda, Pennsylvania for the beautiful homemade cards on which we write class memory verses. It is a huge decision for each lady to choose the prettiest one!

I truly am grateful for all who share the abundance of what they have in the States. For the recyclable bags (for carrying notes) that came from the Missions Closet at Pilgrim Baptist in Massachusetts, Bibles from my hair stylist, glasses—most recently from Calvary Baptist in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, the wordless bracelets from Springville Baptist, and to the regular copying of our class notes at Bible Baptist in Kokomo, Indiana, we thank and praise God for you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Sensitivity of Mongolian leaders to God's leading in choosing students to participate in second training group starting at the end of April
2. Pray Colossians 1:9, 10 for May's graduates from South Sudan's training modules.
3. Cheryl needs a new female translator for the Tanzanian ladies' training sessions.

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