

08/05/18 On Mission with the Lord

Acts 23:11

"The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, 'Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.'"

As we live with risk-taking obedience on mission with Jesus, he is for us not against us. Jesus desires to give us new courage for the challenges before us. His call to us is that we boldly testify about him and his gospel throughout the world. There are sometimes specific places where Jesus calls us to testify. Jesus was on a mission to reach Rome and the leadership of the Roman Empire. Jesus wanted his gospel proclaimed to Caesar's household and the inhabitants of Rome. There is no kingdom, no city that is outside of Jesus' mission scope. He desires to involve us in his mission and fill us with courage this day.—*Randy Friesen*

Dear brothers, sisters, partners and friends,

Recently, the Lord saw fit to change my work situation when, the Auto Auction that I had been employed with for the past 11 years lost their largest account. This reduced my income to an amount that would no longer sustain us. Within a few days, the Lord put me back driving a truck (locally) for the same company that I had left in 1999 to plant New Hope church in Solon Maine! Our God provides! Daisy and I am adjusting well as the Lord is faithful to give me the hours and energy to drive 60 hours per week, while continuing ministry at Crossway Christian Church as well as the African mission field. God is good!

As mentioned in the last newsletter this year's goal is to provide transportation, housing costs and training for 2 groups of approximately 15 leaders each, at 2 separate venues in Ethiopia during the 1st week. These leaders are faithful to train leaders who will train leaders in various regions throughout the Country, exponentially multiplying our efforts in the weeks, months and years to come! The 1st two days in Kenya will be used to preach, teach, worship, fellowship and encourage "The Church at Fahari" (a church planted at the Fahari Hotel as a result of this missionary partnership) and Grace Church at the LMI campus to be followed by a 3 day Leadership Training event at the LMI Training. This will be the 4th consecutive training event largely made up of returning students and additional 1st time students who are sure to participate. There are 20—30 leaders from various ministries in Nairobi and beyond expected.

Please continue to pray for the following:

- The Lord's financial provision of approximately \$3,500.00 to cover all expenses.
- The Lord's guidance, protection and blessing in our 2018 missionary efforts to Africa
- The Lord would multiply our efforts and bring radical transformation through our partnerships.

Just 40 USD will allow a church leader to receive sound biblical training that will enhance their efforts in implementing powerful Christ-like disciple making movements in their respective regions in Ethiopia.

The Kenyan students' training expenses are partly covered by their own resources and partially subsidized by Lifeway Missions International whom we partner with.

Additional donations are needed to help defer my travel costs. Excess donations will help schools, orphans and widows.

If you are led of the Lord to pray, please let me know that you are doing so, as it always is a great encouragement to know who is praying. If you desire to give your financial support, checks may be sent and made payable to **Crossway Christian Church, PO Box 363, Saco, Maine 04072: Attention Church Treasurer. Please note on the memo line: 2018 Africa Mission.**

I thank God and pray His constant blessing upon you all for your faithful and continued partnership, support and encouragement in ministry.

Sincerely Yours,
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