

The Superiority of Christ!



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News from the Whitmores

"For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

I've been feasting on the book of Hebrews recently. The author makes a compelling case for the superiority of Jesus Christ as our High Priest compared to anything that came before. One of the sweet nuggets of this truth stands out in the invitation given in Hebrews Chapter 4:15-16 to "...draw near to the throne of grace...." What a contrast to the picture given in Exodus 19 when God meets Moses on the mountain but the people are told if they even touched the mountain they would die. Christ's superior invitation to us is simply—"come."

"¹⁵For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with us in our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and grace to help in time of need."

Kenya Bound

By the time you get this, I will probably be on my way back to Kenya. Tim Prewitt (World Reach General Director) and I will be departing September 22. We will be meeting with our Kenyan staff regarding strengthening and positioning our ministries there for transitioning to even greater level of indigenous leadership. As with any opportunity, there are also challenges. Pray for wisdom and that Christ would be glorified.

5th Kenya Bible Institute Starting

Our fifth Kenya Bible Institute has just begun. About 23 pastors and aspiring pastors are beginning a 3-1/2 year journey, to be better equipped to shepherd their churches and start new ones. Pray that these men will grow beyond the academic and fall more in love with Christ and His calling on their lives. Pray that their teachers (from both the U.S. and Kenya) will pour out and invest their lives into these dear brothers in Christ.

First Graduating Class

Our first high school class will graduate from La Roca Christian School in Jose Galvez, Peru on December 19. What started as a vision many years ago is now a reality. Pray for these students. All have gained an excellent bilingual education and many have come to know Christ and grown in that relationship. Pray that they will be salt and light for the Gospel and the aroma of Christ wherever they go. To God be the glory!

Rejoice with us! Our youngest son, Bryan, announced his engagement to Naomi Litwin from New York. Their wedding date is set for May 25, 2019.

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