



Opportunities— On The Ground Or In The Air

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

Thank you for partnering with World Reach to make possible my recent trip to Kenya. My objective was to take a group of pastors and aspiring pastors in the city of Meru on a journey through God's Word to look at God's design for marriage and family. In addition, myself and Tony Mienhardt, another World Reach team member, coordinated several improvements to our orphanage in Meru. We also laid the ground work for a project to allow our medical clinic location in the small village of Muthetheni to host a Bible institute in the not too distant future.

The week spent teaching and interacting with 18 Kenyan men about God's design for marriage and family was a joy and privilege. We took head on the realities and challenges men face as husbands when it comes to loving their wives as Christ loved the church. Our theme verse was Romans 15:5,6—

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Pray that these men would apply what they learned to their own marriages as well as instruct their congregations in God's design for marriage.

Our orphanage in Meru has been serving children in Kenya since the late eighties. Improvements to the campus are always welcomed. Tony and I were able to arrange for: new mattresses for 22 kids, constructing shelves for the boy's room, repairing several bunk beds, repairing a chicken coup and purchasing 50 chickens, and purchasing a refrigerator and washing machine, which are a first for the orphanage.

Pray for the 22 children cared for by the orphanage staff — that they would each come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Traveling to our medical clinic in the remote village of Muthetheni, we were encouraged to see

many patients being treated. Even more encouraging was the interaction of the clinic pastor with the patients. This interaction, combined with making basic Bible study materials available to the patients and school children in the area makes our clinic both a physical and spiritual oasis.

Pray for this ministry. Life in and around Muthetheni is hard and most people live at a subsistence level.

We also, developed a preliminary concept for adding new facilities on the clinic compound to host our Bible institute in the future. We presented this concept to a contractor who is developing a quote for the project.

Pray for the financial resources to accomplish this project.

My flights to and from Kenya presented me with a couple of opportunities to be salt

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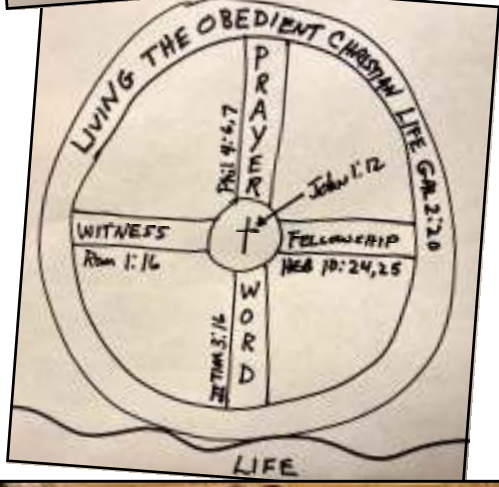
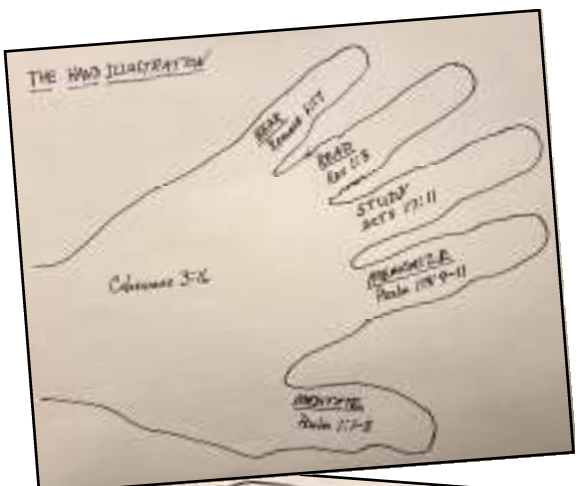
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and light. One man, returning to Spain from a business trip to the U.S. spent most of his time with his headset on so our conversation was limited. However, at one point he asked me what I would be doing in Kenya. When I mentioned that I would be teaching a group of men about a biblical view of marriage and family, he said that he and his girl friend were thinking about getting married. With not much time before landing, I offered him my copy of Gary Chapman's book, *The 5 Love Languages*, which he accepted, and challenged him and his girl friend to read it together. He said they would.

Another encounter was with a young woman named Alice from Rwanda but living temporarily in Portland Maine. Alice said she had come to Christ about a year ago but had not grown much in her walk with Christ. This was a perfect opportunity to share two illustrations.

The "Hand" and the "Wheel". These are great tools for helping new believers grow in their relationship with Christ. The "Hand" illustrates five avenues for letting "...the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." Colossians 3:16.

The "Wheel" illustrates the foundational elements of living and growing in your relationship with Christ.



Pray that God will use this book in their lives as a stepping stone to understanding the Gospel and coming to know Christ.

Pray that Alice would grow in her relationship with Christ and find a local Bible based, Christ honoring church.



These men were a joy to teach!



Some of the kids at our orphanage



New cabinets for the boys room



Working out a plan for the Bible Institute facilities



Up close teaching



My Kenyan team teacher, Isaac