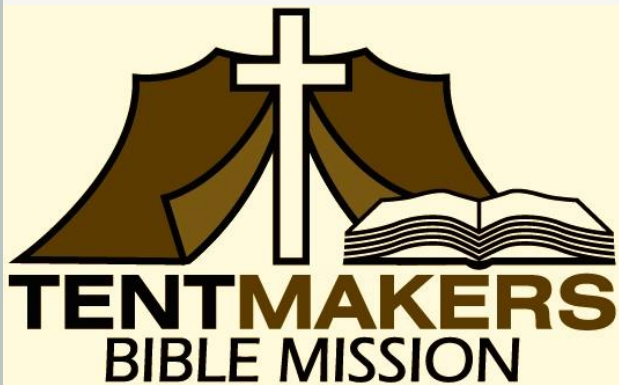


THE HARRIS HAPPENINGS



“Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy.”

Jude 24



We wrote to you last month, telling of how the Lord used a small “Easter celebration” in a big way, to bring light and hope in the life of James (the grounds keeper of the compound). He came to know the Lord as his personal Savior that day, and is reading his Bible and some books he has borrowed...and asking

Ben-7



Brad-40



Rachel-9

questions. We are so excited to see the Lord at work in his life-through our lives!

We had been praying that the Lord would just make it so clear Who we were supposed to invest in, and How best to invest...by bringing the opportunities before us, and helping us to be aware and available. Well, we have seen several other encouraging encounters, as a result of nothing we have done, but ALL because of the Lord's working in and through our lives.

One example of how He did this, is the man in the photo above. His name is Paul and he is a pastor from India. His daughter and family live in the same compound as we do, and so Pastor Paul and his wife came back to visit with them over the Easter weekend. Having heard from his daughter that we were doing ministry here in Kenya, Pastor Paul came over the next day to ask me for some material to read during his stay. I lent him a couple of resources (including "A Man of God" written by a pastor-friend). It is a great little book about truly being a man of God by being an upright person before God, living life by HIS Word.

Paul read it right away and really enjoyed it's contents. He was moved and convicted by the challenge to not compromise the truths of Scripture-to respect and regard them as the very Word of God. He had some questions though-so he came and we visited for the day going over God's Word and how it pertains to people in their personal lives. Pastor Paul is a born again believer, trying to teach the truth of God's Word, to those who do not know. He was telling me how in India (like everywhere I suppose), many people (he was referring specifically to pastors) want to look good on the outside, in order to grow their numbers, boost their ministry, etc., so they will say and do just about anything to that end. The Lord led me to II Timothy 4:3-5 *"For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. But be thou sober in*



April was a month of birthdays in the Harris household :) We thank God for the gift of life: each day that He grants us here on earth...and more importantly, the life that is found in Him forever!

PRAYER

REQUESTS:



- Visitors coming: (mission team, intern-sister, and family)
- Paper work (we have various types of papers to get in order/renewed, etc.)

all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry.”

He wants to go back to show these fellow pastors the truth about the Word of GOD, and the call to actually live by it-even if it will cost him some friendships/relationships that he has. Pastor Paul spoke of how hard it will be to challenge these other pastors with the truth, (those who claim to know the truth-but are abusing it's power), because he does not have a lot of other people/pastors around him to encourage him. I told him it will be hard-but it is the TRUTH that sets us free. And by the power of God through His Word and the Holy Spirit, these men might repent and come back to the truth.

There are a lot of people out there that have a “form of godliness” but deny it’s power. The Bible says that more and more people will turn away from the truth of God Word. My question was to Paul and is also for me and you; “how am I living out the truth of God’s Word in my life today?” This is a good challenge for me to remember every day, for the rest of my life.

And because of His great love and grace, I can rest in the truth that again, it is ALL of Him and not of me. No matter how well we actually put our faith into action...HE is the only ONE Who can present me faultless and blameless before the Father.

One of my favorite verses is in Jude 24 *“Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy.”*

- Good Health and safety
- For us to develop a deep, genuine love and concern for others-because He cares for us.
- In cultivating our own personal relationships with the Lord.
- For US to remain teachable as we are trying to teach others: (children and pastors alike)
- Peace for people here (not merely from election related riots...but more so in their personal lives and hearts through Jesus Christ)

PRAISES!



FAMILY



Our family continues to grow; the kids are growing up so big and so fast (and we feel like we are getting older!)

Please pray that we would all be growing in maturity, wisdom, and the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in addition to simply size and stature.

- To be able to be here and be used of God in His marvelous plan-as He works IN and THROUGH our lives.
- That we have visitors coming!
- For the way God has shown Himself SO faithful in every facet of our lives.
- For the beautiful blessing of family-both by birth and by the blood of Jesus!
- For protection in our lives and peace in our hearts.
- For answered prayers with opportunities opened and ability to see it and be available.
- Because of His GREAT love for us!

