

That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:17

Discipleship

"commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others
also"





Chuck Mathias

Chuck was able to see and sit in on each one of my classes

"Being Thoroughly Equipped"

Greetings to you!

It seems awhile since our last update. We want you to know that we appreciate you taking the time and the trouble to stay updated on us. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, care, and support. So, we

would like to take this time to share with you what the Lord has been doing in our lives this past month; how He continues to work in and through us.

We had the privilege of having a special visitor, Chuck Mathias, for a couple of weeks in October. Chuck along with his wife and young family are missionaries with Tentmakers Bible Mission-and have served in India for over 11 years - before the Lord closed that door due to paperwork. They are now teaching at the Bible School that we graduated from and are serving alongside the TBM staff trying to better equip and encourage their missionaries on a foreign field. Chuck is working on putting together a curriculum that will help the local missionary be thoroughly equipped more accurately (including culturally) in reaching the local people they are seeking to teach and train on the foreign field.

Chuck was able to come and personally observe how we are conducting the “classes” for discipleship and take part in the teaching. The Lord used Chuck to open my eyes to many areas in teaching that I can better equip the pastors/people here in their walk with the Lord. The humility and teachable spirit that he exemplified was such a key reminder of how to try to best be able to reach others, and even be learning myself. I was blessed by his presence and participation in my classes, and by my being able to hear some honest feedback and

ideas, with context. We were able to discuss various subjects and meet several people, who hopefully were helpful in finding/formulating some thoughts/ideas that would work well in this country and culture.

And while I certainly spent the most time with him, we were ALL really blessed by having him here, in many more areas even than just “formal” ministry opportunities. The same humility, grace and flexibility that he had with the pastors and people of Kenya, made him a very easy and pleasant house guest to host. And the kind, gentle, and caring demeanor endeared him to our children instantly. I certainly think he ministered as much or more to my kids than he did with the local pastors, (even if the time was less), by the way he loved them.

While we had what we would perceive as a fruitful and blessed time together, I think the lessons learned were two-fold. Absolutely, we are excited about the curriculum/program that Chuck is working on putting together, and looking forward to its completion so we can put it into practice here in Kenya, among the local pastors/people we are working with. But also, the things we were reminded of by his testimony and personal example were very encouraging and challenging already. To be faithful where the Lord has you in the present...and to patiently wait on His timing. To be humble and teachable...willing and open to learning from others. To be kind and caring-sharing the Lord's love even (and especially) to the “least of

these.” To try to separate life and ministry is a difficult thing to do- because our very lives are meant to be lived out ministering the love of Jesus to those who He has put in our path. Whether it be formal or casual, official or natural...this life, this breath, this opportunity is for HIS glory, and for the good of His people. Please pray for our family, that we would have eyes open to the opportunities He puts in front of us, and hearts willing to obey, whatever it is He calls us to do.

His servant,

Brad Harris

Ephesians 4:1-3

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Prayer

- For the political climate of Kenya regarding presidential elections
- That we would learn to lean on the Lord-and not our own wisdom, understanding or strength
- For wisdom as we live out our faith in all of life and practice
- For continued grace and favor in our family unit as a friend (Lucy) stays with us
- For our own personal time with the Lord spent in His Word and in prayer

Praises

- For God's grace and favor on our family as a friend (Lucy) stays with us
- For the way the Lord is working in this country and her people during this pivotal political event
- For the faithful and abundant provision and protection of the Lord, for our family
- For friends, family, fellow-workers whom the Lord uses to encourage and lift us up before Him
- For a fruitful and blessed time together with Chuck-our visitor from TBM

Homeschool

Ellie has her hands full with teaching and disciplining our children at home

