

HEART FOR AFRICA

"TRANSFORMING BIBLICAL PREACHING ONE PASTOR AT A TIME"

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*When
the time is
right, I, the
Lord, will
make it
happen.
Isaiah 60:22*

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This month marks the completion of our seventh full year serving the Lord and His people in Tanzania. We arrived in May 2011 as first-term missionaries with basically no knowledge of Tanzania or its culture, and no real concept of the long-term goal for Intensive Care Ministries here. Yes, we had received 3 years of training to prepare ourselves as best we could, but no training can equip you for everything. Thankfully the Lord tamped down any serious anxieties and concerns, and whatever uncertainty did exist we attributed to just needing to walk forward in faith. As usual, He had much work to do *in* us before He could work *through* us for His glory! We were reminded how the Lord is infinitely gracious and merciful in His dealing with His children. He knows us better than we know ourselves...whether it is our fears and worries or our inner dreams and desires. He even knows our weaknesses and temptations, and is quite aware of what disturbs us. We are His wandering children, and He is our loving and patient heavenly Father whose perfect wisdom ensures He always knows what is best for us.

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart; wait I say, on the Lord."
Psalm 27:14

We were fresh out of business careers where we felt comfortable and in firm control of our own little kingdoms. Tanzania was completely different to say the least! With very little cross-cultural experience (Kenya for a few months), we struggled and stumbled around trying to find our way, mercifully blind and clueless to most of the things going on around us. It must have been entertaining and amusing to those we came in contact with. How did we ever survive ourselves and muster up the strength and endurance to persevere and remain committed to the ministry work? Only through the Lord's abundant mercy and grace! He was our faithful and constant help in the midst of our difficulties.

"Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice."
Psalm 63:7

A recent example of the Lord's patience and preparation with us—and His timing—focuses on the inauguration of our Inductive Bible Study-based women's seminars. Last month we asked you to pray for this new program and the 3 days of instructor training for the women chosen by the Lord to serve as our initial cadre of instructors. Space constraints in that newsletter prevented us from sharing any of the long and involved backstory. We originally talked about and thought we would launch the program several years ago using pastors' wives as instructors. Their husbands were already part of ICM so we felt it would be a good fit, but as we examined things closer, the Lord showed us it was best to slow down. Just because the husband had a teaching gift did not mean the

wife had the same, and just because the husband was available to travel and teach did not mean his wife would also be available. In addition, Janice didn't feel she could give it the focus it needed then since she had her hands full with all our other ministry work and her seminary degree. As it turns out, the last two semesters of seminary work provided much valuable information which she has been able to roll into the training program and curriculum!

"Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name."
Psalm 86:11



While we waited, the Lord began bringing in more female pastors to our pastoral training program. Each had earned a spot in the program by being very skilled at preaching and demonstrating they were willing to work. Over the course of 2 years, we had over 20 women being trained and equipped alongside their male counterparts. From those 20, we identified 7 whom we invited to attend the new instructor training. All of them eagerly accepted. In the meantime, we developed an IBS-based curriculum for the 3-day women's seminars and put together teaching manuals for each instructor to use.

As everything came together, we prayed all of the women would arrive for the training okay. Given the heavy family responsibility that women bear in this culture, there is almost always one or two who end up not being able to

Having dinner the first night after a long day of travel.



come. Praise the Lord...every one of them arrived and stayed all 3 days! They were long and exhausting days, but at the end we prayed over and commissioned all seven women to begin conducting the women's seminars all across Tanzania. We will begin by having them do one seminar per month through the remainder of 2018, and hope to raise more funds to allow more instructors and more seminars each month. Two women are from major cities in Tanzania and might never have to leave their home area for the next 18 months because of the number of opportunities and demand; the other five are all from smaller cities and villages but will not need to travel more than about 90 minutes each way. They will easily be able to cover the northeastern part of the country for the next year or so while the

Lord develops them and helps us modify the program as necessary. Each one is excited to serve with ICM in this new way as part of a team that has now grown to over 30 pastors. *When the time is right, the Lord will make it happen!*



(Above) Students took turns teaching the material.



(Left) Discussing how seminar procedures will work.

We are coming home to report to supporting churches, life groups, and individuals from May through July.

**Please see schedule below and contact us for visiting opportunities.
We really want to see you!**

May 8-June 8:	Saint Petersburg/Tampa, FL
June 9-15:	Fort Walton Beach/Destin, FL
June 16-18:	Saint Petersburg/Tampa, FL
June 19-July 1:	Western NC/Eastern TN
July 2-13:	Oklahoma City, OK
July 14-18:	Saint Petersburg/Tampa, FL
July 19-22:	Southern Virginia
July 23-25:	Saint Petersburg/Tampa, FL

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Catch up on our personal journey through our website news, and find many more pictures there.

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Picture of the Month

Janice with the newly-commissioned IBS female instructor staff.
Pray for each of them please.
(L-R): Amalia, Victory, Mary, Josephine, Angela, Lightness and Martha



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our safe travel back to the US on May 6-7.
- Pray for the Bible college sessions and women's IBS seminars to proceed smoothly in our absence.
- Pray for the Lord to continue providing the resources (churches and people) to partner with us as the ministry grows.
- Pray for our home church in Moshi as we are working to raise funds to construct the remaining 2 walls to make it completely enclosed. It will shelter us from weather and provide more security.
- Praise that we graduate from Moody Theological Seminary this month! We are able to put that knowledge to great use here.