

HEART FOR AFRICA

"TRANSFORMING BIBLICAL PREACHING ONE PASTOR AT A TIME"

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"FOR THIS REASON WE ALSO, SINCE THE DAY WE HEARD IT, DO NOT CEASE TO PRAY FOR YOU,



AND TO ASK THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING."

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“YOU TAUGHT THEM WHAT?!”

When the Bible speaks, God speaks. And much of what the Bible speaks about is this amazing, personable God Himself, who by His grace calls us into a relationship with Him. He created us, and through our belief in His Son Jesus, we become His children and He becomes our compassionate heavenly Father who always acts for our good.

*“And this is eternal life,
that they may know You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”*

John 17:3

The use of the word *know* in the Bible often conveys the idea of relationship rather than an intellectual understanding of key facts about, or attributes of, holy God. So when God speaks in Jeremiah 9:24 of His delight in those who seek to know and understand Him, He is not speaking about striving to gain head knowledge, but about seeking a heart-to-heart relationship with Him. As King David experienced, one of the most comforting realities in life is that the more we get to know the Lord, the deeper and more satisfying our relationship with Him becomes.

*“As a father has compassion on his children, so
the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.”*

Psalms 103:13

Almost 100 students attended our final day



In January we started our fourth year of ministry work at Eden Garden Secondary School, a Christian boarding school with 120 students in grades 7 through 10. It has a reputation in the region as being very good and certainly affordable. It has a well-rounded curriculum and is able to draw students of varied backgrounds from all across Tanzania, including students from Christian and non-Christian faiths.

Jim prayed and felt the Lord wanted him to teach the 40-50 students who attend the Sunday church service each week about Him, for how can these young people have a relationship with God without truly knowing Him? If that could be accomplished, we knew the Lord would take it from there.

*“That I may know Him and the power of His
resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings,
being conformed to His death.”*

Philippians 3:10



Jim also happened to be in the final stages of developing a series of Systematic Theology lessons for use in the Intensive Care Ministries Bible College curriculum. Many biblical scholars often boil down theology to the study of God or the things of God. Systematic Theology is covering the things of God in an orderly fashion—taking a systems approach to understand various Christian doctrines in the context of the whole. Still, Systematic Theology is typically one of the more difficult courses in a seminary program so it would really challenge us to ensure our teaching to the youth—and ultimately to the pastors in the Bible College—would be both understandable and applicable. There would be no need to re-invent the wheel with new lessons, so Jim moved forward encouraged at the thought of being able to impart knowledge about God and His Word in such a way that the students would feel called to seek Him on their own. Only in the Lord’s perfect timing....

*“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep,
and am known by My own.”*

John 10:14

We wanted to have an end-goal to the 3-month study...where would the weekly lessons lead? Obviously it should be to the Lord Himself, but what would that look like? We wanted to facilitate an encounter between each student and the Lord, then provide a way for them to share that with others. The goal would be to show how their story intersected with God's story to give them a *new story* "in Christ!"



We began by talking about trusting in the Bible as God's inspired Word. The students were also intrigued by learning where humans came from and why are we here. Then came lessons on prayer and the church. Mixed in were character studies on Daniel and David. Weekly attendance was growing steadily as word spread on the campus and they began to thirst and hunger for God's Word. Three weeks on Christology (the study of God the Son) gave us the chance to answer many questions about who the real Jesus is. We closed with 3 weeks of eschatology (the study of the end times).



By the end of the journey, the majority of students on campus were attending services. What a great blessing to be able to challenge them to contemplate their own story in Christ. Janice even made a picture montage video of students done to the song by contemporary Christian artist Big Daddy Weave, "My Story." They will be singing this song for quite some time, and when young people sing about Jesus, that is a beautiful thing! You can see the full video on our website under the Photo Gallery.



This makes it all worth while!



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

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Picture of the Month



It's all about partnerships in the Gospel!
Reporting to one of our main supporting churches in St Petersburg, Florida,
on Pentecost Sunday

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connecting with family and supporters in FL, NC and TN this month.
- 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.