

HEART FOR AFRICA

“TRANSFORMING BIBLICAL PREACHING ONE PASTOR AT A TIME”

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*“And my God shall supply all
your need according to His riches
in glory by Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:19

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Our third Bible college campus is operational!

We are again overwhelmed by the Lord's never-ending mercy and grace as He continues to do astounding things on our behalf. One faithful minister at a time, He has built an amazing team of Tanzanians who are excited and enthusiastic to be about the Lord's business of building His kingdom on earth. These men and women truly get it—their commitment to the Lord's Great Commission is unshakeable and focused, even as they endure hardships and difficulties for the Gospel of Christ.

"Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides."

Psalm 119:90

In early June, as we were spending precious time with our grandchildren, we received heartbreaking news that Pastor Peter's 3-year old grandson had passed away unexpectedly. Peter is one of our Bible college instructors and also serves as the principal or site director for our Moshi campus. We all thought that his grandson was on the good side of a long illness, but now he is with the Lord. We cannot imagine Pastor Peter's pain as he and his wife Christina went from planning their grandson's future to planning his funeral. Please join us in prayer for Pastor Peter and his family as they deal with this difficult loss.

"This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life."

Psalm 119:50

Through this tragic circumstance, we saw that the Lord is both a comforting and encouraging God. He gives us strength and resolve to face a trial, then continue to press on toward the earthly goals He has given us. For example, ICM supported Peter at his grandson's funeral one week, and the next week we inaugurated our new Bible college campus in Morogoro with its first class of students. Both the trials and accomplishments move us toward our upward call in Christ.

The Morogoro campus is located 12 hours to our south and serves students from the southern most regions of Tanzania. Previously, many of these students would have endured a 2-day bus trip to attend the Moshi or Meru



campuses, but are now able to attend the Morogoro campus which is less than half the distance from their home village.



The site consists of refurbished buildings on land donated by Bishop Eddy who had one provision: that we use the buildings to establish an ICM Bible College. Bishop Eddy is not only the national director for his denomination, he also finds time to teach Inductive Bible Study seminars for us while serving as the principal for the Morogoro campus. He is such a great blessing from the Lord!

The self-contained campus is sized to easily accommodate 22 students and 3 teachers in-residence for each of the 10-day sessions that a class of students will complete over the course of 30 months. The small class size allows us to continue our rigorous practical preaching exercises where 3-4 students preach each evening, with each student developing six sermons and preach twice for each session.



Bishop Eddy does not charge a lodging fee to house the students or teachers. Our costs are extremely low: three meals each day for students and teachers; modest stipends for the two teachers; and the cost to print reference manuals for each student. Though the facilities may not look like much to an outsider, Bishop Eddy's wise, non-self-serving re-purpose of existing buildings allowed us to create a fully functional campus in less than a year with an extremely small investment to not only refurbish buildings, but also outfit them with beds,

desks, chairs, and other fixtures required to operationalize the facility.

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”
2 Chronicles 16:9

As with the other campuses, we have assigned two instructors to teach all of the lessons and administer the evening preaching exercises. At Morogoro they are Pastors Silas and Jeremiah. As mentioned earlier, Bishop Eddy serves as the campus principal or site administrator. He is the glue that holds everything together. He is responsible to ensure all of the campus facilities are ready for the arrival of the students and that provisions are made for a team of cooks to prepare the food. The college employs 4 people as cooks which has proven to be a great blessing for the local community.



Over time, we plan to customize and tailor the site to better conform to our requirements. For now though, we are content to focus on functionality rather than appearance, as we keep our eyes on 2020 when the students in this first class will graduate with a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry.



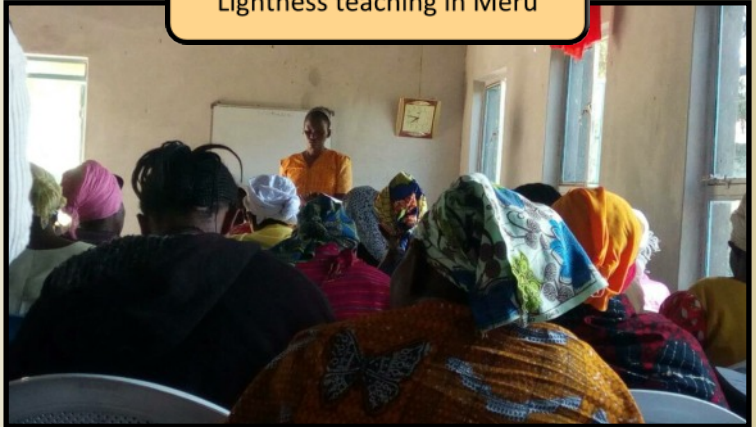
Above:
The student dormitory. Painting still needs to be done.

Left: Our water filtration system. Brown buckets hold unfiltered water. White buckets have clean potable water.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Four of the seven female IBS instructors have held their first seminar at their home church with women from their congregation and village. We have two seasoned male instructors attending each one to observe and help if necessary. So far, the reports have been excellent. The final three seminars will be held this month. Please keep them in prayer.

Lightness teaching in Meru



Amalia teaching in Moshi



Mary teaching in Arusha

Pictures of the Month



It's all about partnerships in the Gospel!
We continue to meet with many of the churches who support us, as well as the Intensive Care Ministries board of directors. We've also had the privilege of offering the Inductive Bible Study program to several supporting churches so they could experience part of what we do in Africa.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our visits in Oklahoma, Florida, and Virginia 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.
- We depart the USA on July 26 to return to Tanzania. Pray for smooth flights and easy transition.