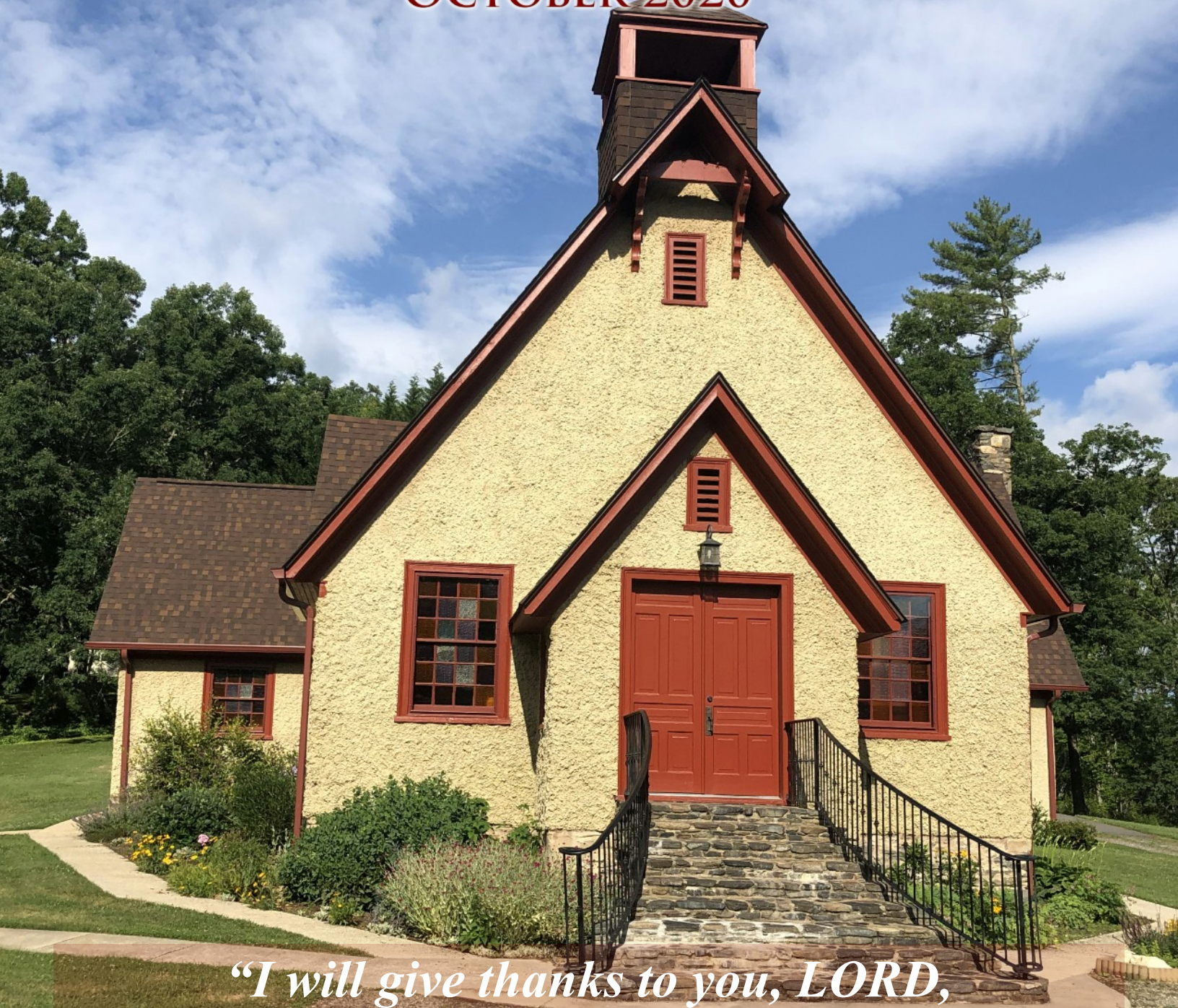


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*"I will give thanks to you, LORD,  
with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."  
Psalm 9:1*

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# Thankful

The Lord continues to amaze and bless us as we face this time of uncertainty and faithful waiting in the U.S. We have so much to thank and praise the Lord for. Sometimes our only response is to simply be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10), and give Him thanks at the remembrance of His holy name (Psalm 30:4).

***"As for God, His way is perfect; T  
he word of the LORD is proven;  
He is a shield to all who trust in Him."  
Psalm 18:30***

We thank the Lord for His perfect wisdom in encouraging and challenging our ministers in Tanzania to examine and implement cost-saving measures for the Bible Colleges and return them to a full operating schedule in our absence. Even as we write this, we have three of the campuses operating at the same time for the 30-month diploma program, and similar schedules continuing into December! God's work, done His way and for His glory, always continues (1 Cor 15:58).



**The Morogoro Students**

Our southern campus in the large city of Morogoro continues with a class of 13 students, and pastors Jeremiah and Joshua are the instructors. The main campus at Mount Meru hosted its second post-COVID class with pastors/instructors Charles and Obedi. And Pastors Silas and Saimon are leading a faithful class at our northern lake zone campus in the beautiful city of Mwanza on the shores of Lake Victoria. We are blessed by these servants of the Lord serving as instructors and site directors for the campuses. Through their faithful efforts, thousands of believers will have the opportunity to hear solid biblical preaching when the students return to their churches.



**Mwanza Students**

***"But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion,  
and gracious, longsuffering and abundant  
in mercy and truth."  
Psalm 84:15***

We thank the Lord for His unfailing compassion in helping us re-start our Certificate in Church Planting program with a new class of 15 young pastoral candidates set for induction in early November, and another class set for induction in December. These classes will graduate in June and July 2021, respectively, and their students should give birth to 20-25 new churches under various Tanzanian denominations. Even in the midst of COVID-19 and unrest, God continues to move mightily across Africa, and we are quite thankful for that!

***"Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
Yes, our God is merciful."  
Psalm 116:5***



**ICM-Africa female instructors  
are back at work**



We are thankful for His mercy and love as He has brought us great encouragement through faithful saints across the U.S. showing keen interest in the work He is doing in and through us in East Africa. The Lord has also opened the door to a number of new church relationships and friendships with new supporters. We have been away from Tanzania since late-March, which has greatly exceeded any of our prior furloughs. Some of you are certainly facing similar situations—being displaced from what you want to be doing. It is easy to feel like we are drifting aimlessly—but there is no such thing with the Lord. Like many of the faith heroes in Hebrews chapter 11, we must resolve to be intentional in seeking the Lord and staying close to Him.

***"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."***

**Hebrews 11:1**



**Left:** Pastor Saimon filling the chalkboard

**Right:** Pastor Josephine with the newest addition to the ICM-Africa family, Jonathan

**Below:** We were privileged to travel to New Orleans in September to participate in a mission outreach-discipleship event with one of our supporting churches.



Abel worshipped by faith. Noah worked by faith. Abraham went by faith. Sarah trusted God's promises by faith. Joseph trusted God's deliverance by faith. Moses trusted God's guidance by faith. By faith David trusted God's strength. And God's prophets trusted His Word by faith. Their faith did not fail because it was rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the faithful God whose promises never fail (Hebrews 10:23).



***"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations."***

**Psalms 89:1**

Last month we asked you to pray for the Lord to bring clarity to our near-term ministry situation. He has done just that, and we're happy to say that we're returning to Tanzania on October 7 for a short 90-day visit. Our team is excited, and we are excited to rejoin the men and women of ICM-Africa after such a long time away.

We do not know for sure what the future holds, but we do know that the faithful God who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light will never leave nor forsake us. He will go before us lighting our path with His unfailing, inerrant Word (Psalm 119:105).

On a personal note, we ask for special prayers for our precious translator, Pastor Edward. Quite a few of our team members rely on hitching rides on large trucks to save money on travel. Edward had a fall from one of the trucks in early September which required hospitalization. He was discharged after 1 week and returned home to continue the healing process. Please pray for his quick recovery.

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

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# Picture of the Month



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for a smooth journey and transition back to African life for us on 7-8 October.
- Pray for the Lord to lead our team as we begin to meet in person again after so many months apart. We want to hear His voice as to what should stay, and what remains the same, as we all move forward.
- Continue to pray for a miracle for the organization to get its final certificate of registration from the Tanzanian government. We're told it won't happen before next year, but it can if that's the Lord's will!