

HEART FOR AFRICA
"TRANSFORMING BIBLICAL PREACHING ONE PASTOR AT A TIME"

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*"And he said,
"Please, show me Your glory."
Exodus 33:18*

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God is all about revealing Himself to those He created. For the God of all creation is a relational God, and He sincerely desires a personal relationship with us. But many people stumble over the idea of having a relationship with someone they cannot see. How is that even possible? Remember, Jesus once prayed to the Father, *“Abba, Father, all things are possible for You.”* And speaking to the distressed father of a demon-possessed son, *“... all things are possible to him who believes.”*

Does God reveal Himself today? Yes, but it is most often in ways we tend to overlook. In the first stanza of Psalm 19, we see that God reveals Himself in creation.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”

He also reveals Himself in His Word; in fact, God’s purpose in leading men to pen the words of Scripture is to reveal Himself to us. Everything we need to know about God is there – how to come to Him through His Son, how to walk with, worship, and glorify Him—it’s all there!

God also reveals Himself through those whom He calls into relationship. Note that Isaiah writes that God created us for His glory. People can see God’s glory when they see us trust and depend on Him, regardless of the situation. And as we work diligently on the Lord’s behalf, we show forth God’s glory to others. In fact, God’s work—done God’s way—will always bring Him glory. That is the main point of this newsletter, for we can often find ourselves in our own desert, and it is then that we seem to need to see and experience God the most.



Since 2019, we have truly desired to see Bible college programs inaugurated in Kenya and Uganda. We had done the work to prepare, and everything we needed was in place. But Covid forced us to put those plans on hold, and it remains that way today. But that does not mean that God’s plans for ICM-Africa were on hold, for God calls us to be faithful and fruitful in the place He has planted us, and that is Tanzania. Even as Covid spread across the country, the Lord still opened hearts and doors to begin new works here.

Last year we mentioned the new campus we opened in Mirerani, a large village 90 minutes from our home. That campus, our fifth in Tanzania, received its second diploma class in June 2022, a hard-working group of 17 students. Then in July, we opened our sixth campus in a remote town called Sumbawanga on the shore of Lake Tanganyika, far to the southwest of us.

Sumbawanga is known for witchcraft, but the Gospel of Christ is bringing God’s Light to that town. Also, quite importantly, a quick study of Tanzania’s map shows this campus to be just across the border with Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. This new campus will



Above: The Mirerani classroom under construction last year.

Right: Students outside the finished building.

allow us to easily reach Swahili-speaking pastors from these neighboring countries.

What led to this amazing development? It starts with what the Lord was already doing there. Through the work of faithful pastors in that area, God is calling people out of darkness into His marvelous light! An influential bishop for that region reached out to members of our team and implored ICM to bring its Bible college programs there. This would not be an easy task; it is a two-day journey by bus to get there. Just to do a site survey and begin to lay the groundwork for a campus would require monumental effort at a time when our team and our budget were both stretched quite thin.

***“Unless the LORD builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it.”***
Psalm 127:1a

We invited the host bishop to our June preachers conference—he was a close friend of one of our instructors. We were touched by the bishop’s humility and warm personality. He accepted all of our criteria for running a campus on his site. He remarked that he could bring 40 students to our first class, tentatively scheduled to start in less than a month. Our instructor confirmed the trustworthiness of this statement, so we decided to send a team of three instructors to handle such a large class. We would make minimal capital investments until we better understood the viability of the site.



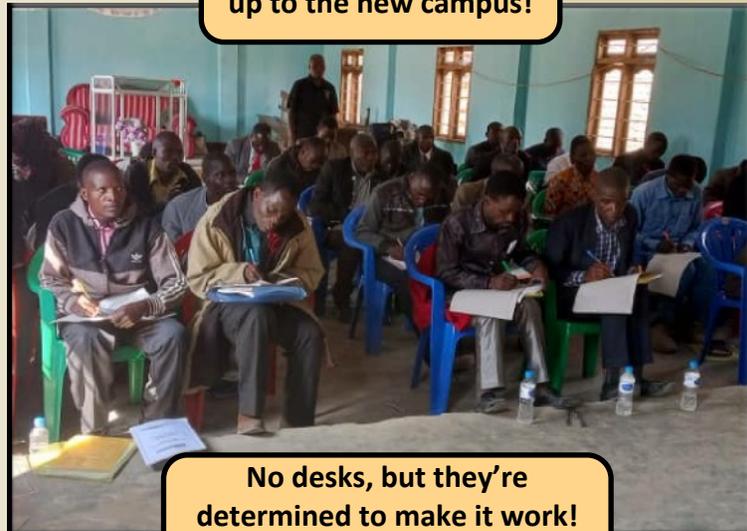
**Welcoming the bishop to our
Preachers Conference**

So, when 40 hard-working pastors did indeed show up for the first session, the bishop had them sleeping on rented mats. The classroom did not include desks, but we have a plan to rent desks for the next session in December. And to top off this 11-day display of God’s

glory, the bishop’s wife gave birth to a new baby boy on the final day of class. They named him Jonathan in honor of the ICM Tanzania director’s own son! God is good.



**40 students showed
up to the new campus!**



**No desks, but they’re
determined to make it work!**



**New life at the new
campus.
Meet baby Jonathan!**



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

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Pictures of the Month



FURLOUGH: "A leave of absence or vacation"
 Sometimes we work harder on "furlough" (home assignment) than we do when we're in Tanzania. In the course of 8 weeks, we traveled to 5 states, spoke at 7 churches, and visited all of our family and many friends. Sometimes it's good to go home and get back into a routine!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- We had great visits with family, supporters, and churches. Praise the Lord for a fruitful time, but pray for us as we return home on 4-5 September.
- We will be immediately traveling by bus to our campus in Morogoro to conduct a graduation. Pray for us to readjust to the time zone, get things unpacked and then packed again, and safe travel to/from the site.
- Pray for the graduation of our 2nd class of the women's Certificate in Bible Teaching on 23 September.
- We have visitors coming to teach toward the end of September and conduct a diploma graduation at our Mwanza campus, then stay to teach at our annual Preachers Conference the beginning of October. Pray for safe travel and God-inspired messages!
- Pray for the work permits we have applied for to now be approved by the government, hopefully no later than 31 August. This is so that we can apply for resident visas before we depart the US on 4 Sept.