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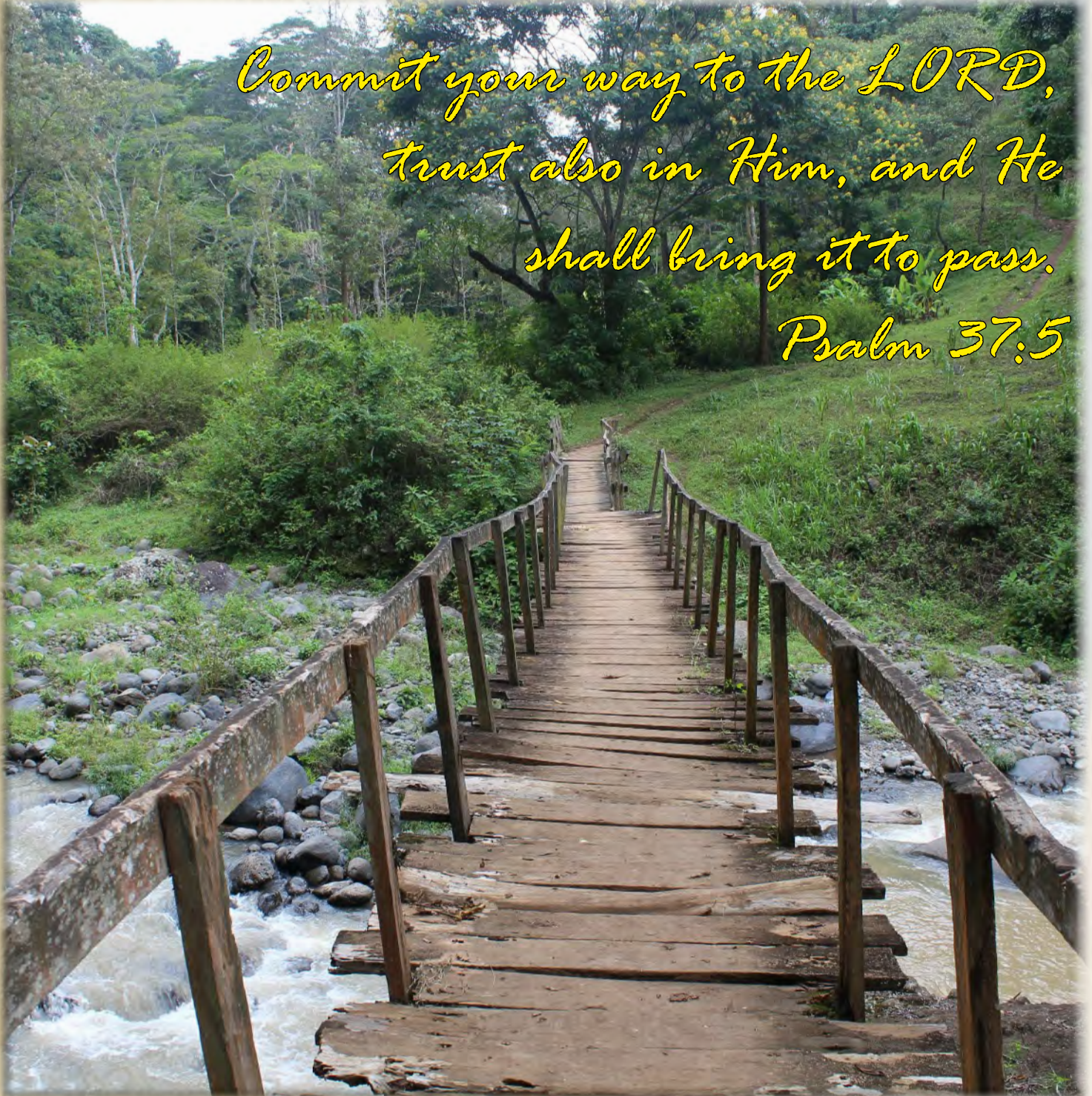


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Larson Mission Update

*Commit your way to the LORD,  
trust also in Him, and He  
shall bring it to pass.*

*Psalm 37:5*



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# Committing our way to the Lord



We recently stopped to reflect on the blessings we receive each day from the Lord. Though we are focused primarily on teaching the Inductive Bible Study method and tools, the ministry work is actually multi-faceted and very diverse. Every week seems to be quite different from all the rest, and each one brings a new set of challenges and blessings. The past several months have been absolutely amazing to see and experience what the Lord is doing.

As King David shares from his heart in Psalm 37:5, we are to commit our way to the Lord as we trust in Him to bring things to pass in His perfect way and time. It makes great sense, and we understand and agree with that premise. Still, we struggle each day in the battle against our flesh to do things our way and not wait on Him, but as we have learned over time to faithfully commit each day and the work to the Lord, we have seen great fruit.

*"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are My ways higher than your ways,  
and My thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:9

We were finally able to complete the last session of our inaugural Women's Training Center class which was deferred from January while bureaucracy problems were being resolved with our Tanzanian work permit renewal applications. This amazing class graduated on Friday,

May 13<sup>th</sup> with three of the women joining our ministry team. We were very proud to see that each of them attained perfect or close to perfect scores on each of the academic tests and they preached extremely well in their practical sermon development exercises. We look forward to working with these new ICM-TZ missionary ministers to develop a new work in providing IBS training specifically tailored for women. A further blessing from this class is that Pastor Edward, who has been helping out with translating for almost five years, announced that he would like to join ICM as a teaching minister. His prayers and our prayers were answered, for we both have been going about this call quite carefully and slowly so as to not disturb the village school that he runs.



*"For the word of the LORD is right,  
and all His work is done in truth."*

Psalms 33:4

At the same time and location that we were teaching the women, another of our instructor teams was teaching a group of ten male pastors in a separate 10-day session of the pastoral training center program. Pastor Peter took on his first full-time teaching duties during this class and





was absolutely awesome. He will teach a future class as Jim's partner in leading the in-depth verse-by-verse book studies. The greatest blessing from this class, however, came when one of our new training center instructors, Pastor Joshua, taught his first session. The testimony of this young, faithful pastor has been very inspiring to us and the entire team. We originally identified Pastor Joshua in 2013 as a future training center student and brought him in to one of the 2014 classes. Unfortunately, in the middle of his second trip to Moshi for a 10-day session, he faced a personal crisis of unimaginable anguish when his wife contacted him to say their young son had passed away while at boarding school. The entire class and staff prayed over Pastor Joshua as we sent him on his long journey home to make funeral and burial arrangements for a precious son taken from him before even completing elementary school.

*'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'  
says the LORD of host.*

**Zechariah 4:6**

Pastor Joshua was never out of the minds of that student class or our ICM-TZ team. Several stayed in contact with him over the months, and when he was ready, Pastor Joshua asked to be re-admitted to the program. We were able to move him into another class that was already in session so he could complete the 30-day program. He excelled in all areas—academics, preaching, and written work—and then asked if he could join the ministry. He completed teacher training in July 2015 and began doing seminars soon after. His teaching was so solid that members of our team recommended him as a training center instructor. After several more months of training, we slowly integrated him into the teaching rotation in May 2016. He will teach the in-depth verse-by-verse studies in both the 15- and 30-day pastoral training programs.



*"But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."  
1 Corinthians 2:9*

Pastor Joshua was emotional in relating how the ministers of ICM-TZ reached out to him and his family to encourage and minister to them during a time of great pain and grief. He said that was the moment he decided he had to be part of our team, a team that loves not just in words but with actions. He has dedicated his service with ICM-TZ to the memory of his son.



**Janice & Godsave, our pseudo grandson!**



**(L) Training for Life students on graduation day. Girls getting ready (top); students with certificates for climbing Mt. Meru; girls dressed in African attire during a fashion show (bottom)**



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# PICTURES OF THE MONTH

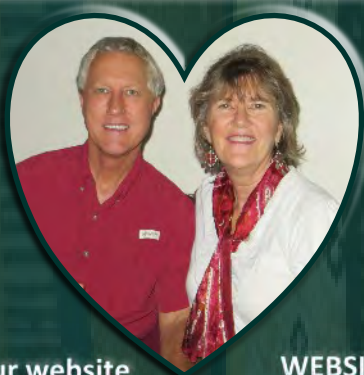


(Top) The teachers and students from the Women's Training Center Class; (Bottom Right) A new class of men going through the Training Center; (Bottom Left) The TFL university-bound students at their graduation.

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## PRAYER ITEMS

- Praise for the graduation of our first Mt Kilimanjaro Women's Training Center class!
- Pray for the young students from Training for Life (TFL), that they would make decisions for Christ.
- Pray for our travel to Nairobi May 28-June 1 to meet with all the ICM national staff members from the other East African countries for the first time. Pray for unity and a clear way forward.
- Pray for Jim's safety as he goes to Zanzibar (99% muslim) June 6-11 to conduct training.
- Pray for plans we're making to travel to India in August to conduct Inductive Bible Study there!
- Continued prayers for the high school worship service we conduct, our men's and women's Bible study groups, children's Sunday School (Janice), sports outreach (Jim), and all the ICM-East Africa primary work.