

Trust in the Journey

October 2024

We are amazed at the strength God gives each of us to live within the circumstances presented in our respective lives. As a first-world individual, the creature comforts of running water, electricity, indoor toilet and bathing facilities, a nice house, temperature controls, a vehicle to drive, good medical care, etc., are things we have often taken for granted. Living in a third-world country that has very few of these conveniences makes one keenly aware that the majority of the world experiences life very differently from us. As Ecclesiastes reminds us, this is nothing new just for our time and space; class and economic differences have existed for eons. But every time I attend one of our women's-only classes, I am humbled and blessed beyond measure.

These women's lives are very similar to those who lived in Bible times. In addition to the lack of modern conveniences, there is the ever-present attitude that women are not equal to men, they do the majority of the back-breaking physical work all day, are responsible for everything at home, may still be subject to "coming of age" rites and arranged marriages, and stand a very good chance of being widowed or abandoned by their husband before they reach middle age. You don't hear them complain, because this is their "normal"—part of the journey they all know and travel.

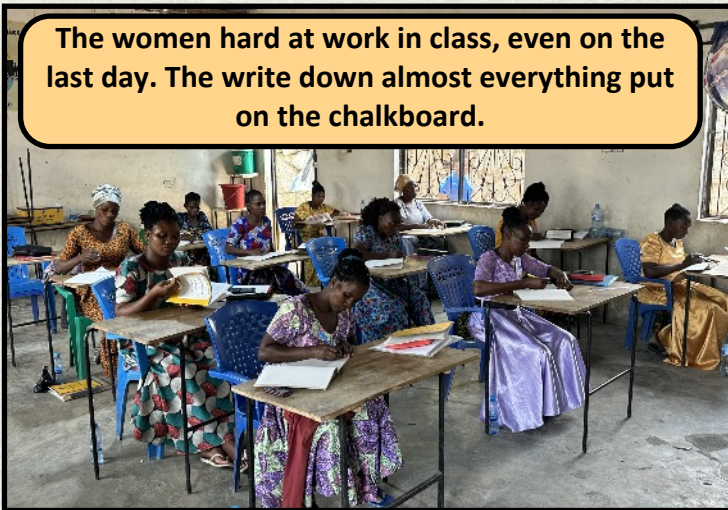


Janice with the students and teachers.

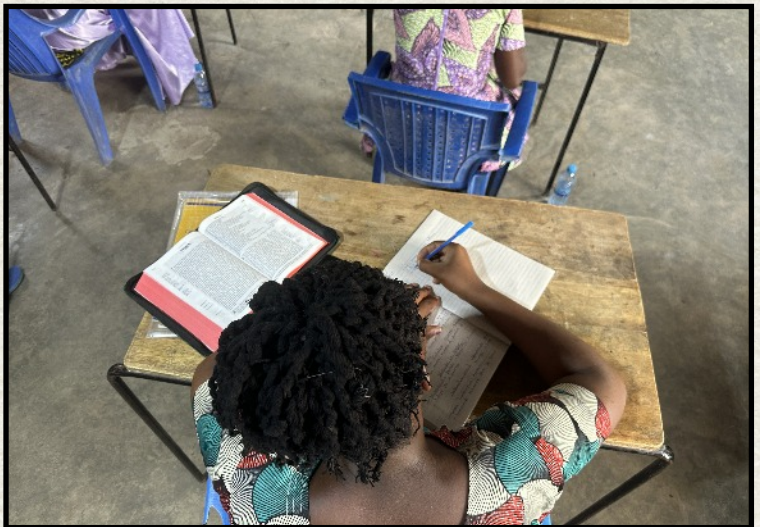
make up 75 percent of the local Tanzanian church congregations, and I often wonder if their challenging life circumstances doesn't open the door of their hearts to the Lord's loving care, and He then works all things to the good of those who love Him.

Our seventh class of women just graduated from the Certificate in Bible Training program. I marveled in their appreciativeness to have been given the opportunity to learn God's Word so thoroughly, and entrusted with the great responsibility to teach it to others. They applied their strong work ethic to the daily lessons, and by the third and final session, almost all of them were scoring perfect 100s on their written and verbal work. Their individual pastors—who have also been through our college program—came to their graduation to lend their support and approval. Parents, husbands, siblings, and children also came. It moves me to tears to see how the Lord and the church can make a difference in a culture and community.

The women hard at work in class, even on the last day. They write down almost everything put on the chalkboard.



There are 2 Bible stories they remind me of: 1.) the Proverbs 31 woman because of her industriousness, perseverance, intellect in running her home and small business, and her dependence on the Lord; 2) Joseph, who suffered through all sorts of injustices (family abandonment, beatings, slavery, accusation, prison, etc.). In the end, the Proverbs 31 woman is revered by all, and Joseph becomes ruler of Egypt and saves his family--both by drawing close to God during the journey. Women



We are very grateful to the Lord for moving in the heart of one of our supporters to sponsor the cost of this and two other classes of women who are graduating this year. They will be taught how much God loves and values them—something to sustain them through their earthly challenges along the journey of sanctification. We ask you to continue praying for our women teachers and the students who will be coming through the program in the years to come—that the Lord would bless and sustain them in a mighty way.

SHORT- AND LONG-TERM HELP NEEDED
 We are still praying for men to help us with pulpit supply for our English-speaking church for January and February, 2025, while we are in the USA. Maybe a husband-wife team who are comfortable/familiar with living in a 3rd-world environment. Please contact us for more info.



The students with their 2 instructors.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our annual Preachers' Conference and ICM-Africa Annual General Meeting Sept 30-Oct 3. We will have over 100 pastors in attendance from all over the country.
- Pray for Jim and Pastor Edmond who will be conducting the 2nd session of a new diploma class in South Sudan, 6-19 October. They are also training up 5 new African instructors there.
- Two more classes of women will graduate from the certificate program this month on October 18 and 31. Janice will be officiating again. Praise the Lord for the support for this program!
- October 21-31 will be our second session of a diploma class in Kenya. Jim will go for part of it, but Pastor Edward will lead it along with another English-speaking instructor.
- We continue to pray for pastoral help at our English-speaking church in Tanzania.