



*We have had the privilege of speaking to hundreds of thousands, and millions on TV,  
around the world about Christ...a dream come true!*

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

It's been all too long since our last newsletter (at Christmas!) but we wanted to catch you up with the plans for an exciting 2020 for us and New Fire for Christ. We were preparing to leave for Africa on April 17<sup>th</sup>. But because of the coronavirus outbreak, with schools in Kenya closed for at least a month, we are postponing this trip. We would appreciate your daily prayers, which have fueled our ministry for so many decades. Please pray for wisdom for our next steps, which probably include writing a first book (or two?). What you are praying for when you pray for New Fire for Christ is, by God's grace, an exceptional ministry, perhaps the largest one in Eastern Virginia, next to the Christian Broadcasting Network. As you may remember, we have planted 45+ new churches and established ministries with tens of thousands of students in 10 nations around the world, including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Russia, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and the United States. We are preparing to return to Kenya, our largest ministry, where we are discipling over 125,000 students.

I remember when, fresh out of seminary, we pastored a United Methodist church on the original Walton's Mountain of TV fame. Only 40 people showed up! We eventually helped the congregation grow to 50 – a 25% increase! Then to 60 – a 50% increase! We enjoyed being a pastor, but the Lord said, “Look on the fields, for they are ripe to harvest.” As we looked at them we thought, “How can we make an even bigger difference?” We thought about how we could make a difference as a pastor, perhaps pastoring a church that would grow to more than 10,000, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We knew we could do it, by the grace of God. And it would be a wonderful thing!

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But we thought “Suppose we saw 10,000 people come to Christ?” That’s only 10,000! What a small percentage of the world that is – we prayed, “**Lord, how can you use us to reach as many as possible for Christ, the passion of our heart?**”

Then I thought of how John Wesley and Billy Sunday and Billy Graham had reached

hundreds of thousands, even millions for Christ, and we realized the way we could reach the most people would be to **become evangelists**. There was only one problem – who hires an evangelist? Nobody!

There are no jobs open for evangelists. Why? It began to dawn on us that because we would be ministering to people who are not even

Christians... they were not going to support our ministry. We would have to go and **raise support!** Raise support?? You mean I went through all of these years of college and graduate school so that I could go ask people for money? You’ve got to be kidding! I asked the Lord, “You’re kidding, right, Lord?” There was silence. I realized...He wasn’t kidding. Then God spoke to me, He said, “Are you telling me you are willing to let people go to hell just because you don’t want to raise money?” I had been in a terrific struggle about raising funds, but when God said that, the battle was over. I said, “Yes, Lord, you know I went to all these 20+ years of school, which cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, but if you want me to ask for money...I will.”

And so Mallory and I knocked on doors, and finally Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) invited us to come on their staff in the unique role of a National Speaker. There were only ten national speakers for Cru out of three thousand staff. It was an honor to be able to do this...but we still had to raise our own funds. So living off our (at the time) meager savings, we found God beginning to supply our needs in an amazing way. First of all, Mrs. Jeanne Holland offered us a place in her home to stay...for free! All of a sudden, our expenses went way down, and we began to go and visit, almost unfailingly, ten different people or couples a week. Of course, we had to send out letters, and make calls to confirm appointments, then go to the appointments and follow them up.



*Bob discipling students at a Kenyan all girls finishing school.*



*Bob praying with a Kenyan woman on her hands and knees as she accepts Jesus into her life.*





*Mallory leading a primary school, teaching Walk Thru the Bible.*

We were working sixty plus hours a week, but what a joy it was to see person after person join us as partners in the ministry, giving \$30, \$50, or \$100 per month (back then these were large sums – it would be more like \$50, \$100, or \$200 per month now).

Many of you reading this letter will be among those who committed to give, and have

faithfully given to us over the years. ***Your generosity has sent us around the world with the good news of Jesus Christ, preaching to hundreds of thousands and millions on TV.*** What a privilege!!

And now a wonderful opportunity has presented itself to build on the wonderful ministry God has given us. ***We are planning to go back to Kenya***, where we have the largest ministry of our ministries to 10 nations around the world (when the coronavirus passes, and travel is safe.) Can you imagine – discipling over 125,000 students in one country! ***In fact we don't know of a greater open door in the world to reach and disciple people for Christ!***

But now we want to ask you – ***will you help send us?*** Please use the enclosed envelope to send back your special contribution or to increase monthly giving to enable us to go around the world with the gospel. ***This is a good time to give!***

Remember God's promise: "Give and it shall be given to you, good measure pressed down and shaken together they shall pour into your lap, for with the measure you use, it shall be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

We have found that we cannot outgive God. We would not ask our supporters to sacrifice financially if we were not willing to do so ourselves first. ***Giving a tithe of 10% of our income is the barest minimum that Christians should give***, according to the Scriptures... we have given far beyond that each year for many years, and ***we hope that you too can be generous in helping send us to the world with the gospel to reach and disciple hundreds of thousands of people.***

Yours in Him,

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