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NIGERIAN MINISTRIES

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Leadership Training

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters In Christ

Our report this month will focus on Leadership training. Our vision is for every nation in Africa to have godly leaders boldly declaring the Word of God.

Kenya

While attending a prayer breakfast, an American pastor heard our burden for Africa and put Manasseh in touch with a bishop. He agreed with the vision of finding just one person who was willing to contact a few to develop in Christian leadership. He directed Manasseh to three more, one of whom oversees 17 churches, some of them in the interior and another Baptist bishop who oversees 30 churches and their pastors. Working with Jerry Anze, who helped host two weekends of intensive Zoom training. This led to other Baptist contacts who want to attend the next leadership training event with their deacons



Through contacts at Bethel Baptist Church, we connected with pastor Abraham in Kenya. After explaining our various ministries, he mentioned that he liked the soccer ministry best. Manasseh sent him the plan for how to set up sports ministry. This pastor started with one soccer ball and eight church members. He used the church soccer team for discipleship and evangelism ministry and in a short while gathered about 25-30 boys. The boys had an opportunity to join a tournament, but had no uniforms, so pastor Abraham sold part of his farm and bought a set of jerseys for the team. The church gathered to dedicate the set of jerseys to God's glory. This past month, they won the local championship. He then recruited a professional coach who helped them get to the next level of competition. They raised enough money to retain him as coach and they are preparing for championship at level 2 with 70 boys on the soccer team. 40 of them have given their lives to Christ. He also has 80 churches under him in need of leadership training.



FROM PAUL TO TIMOTHY, FROM TIMOTHY TO FAITHFUL MEN AND WOMEN, AND FROM FAITHFUL MEN AND WOMEN TO OTHERS. 11 TIMOTHY 2:2

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Nigeria

While attending the National Day of Prayer on May 6 at Ashland University, Manasseh was inspired to establish a National Day of Prayer in Nigeria. He made this a matter of prayer with a group of pastors at a prayer meeting. While contemplating contacting a large church in Abuja to host the kickoff campaign, he received a letter from a Christian association wanting to sponsor three days of national prayer and fasting. This happened without any prompting on His part and is evidence that God is moving in Nigeria to bring people together in prayer and worship.

Meanwhile Boko Haram attempted to attack Maiduguri in Borno State, but the security forces were able to stop them. Boko Haram attacked some soldiers and the soldiers retaliated and killed many of them. This was following the prayer and fasting for God's deliverance. Before the weekend of the 3 days of prayer and fasting, the megachurch in Abuja (the very one he had considered contacting) declared a week-long conference and it ended with over 100,00 people in attendance praising God and sharing testimonies. Recently, a long message came stating that one of the terrorists had become a Christian and he exposed the plan of the Islamists to establish a caliphate in Nigeria. Elsewhere a grandson of one of the top Muslim chiefs gave his life to Christ and he was hidden to keep from being killed. He has boldly come out and announced his faith and publicly shared his burden to reach his Muslims with the gospel.

Pastor Andrew is still distributing Hausa and Fulani Bibles in Arabic script in Nigeria, Chad, and Niger. He sent a video of a young man who has declared that he gave his life to Christ and the Muslims are looking to kill him. He is still alive but needs shelter and protection. We are attempting to open an online Bible institute specifically for Muslim leaders in Jos. We need to train them and then get them to work in the camps. This is all happening underground because it is too dangerous to do this openly.

United States

We attended the New Covenant College graduation ceremonies in Lexington, Kentucky on May 22 where Victoria received her Doctor of Letters degree and Jerry Anze received Doctor of Divinity degree. Manasseh preached in five churches in Kentucky before returning to Ohio where he emphasized the need to unite and carry the gospel to the world instead of focusing on minor things. Africans are benefiting from the unity of the independent churches here and they are flocking to the online Bible Institute. We ought not to tear ourselves apart based on trivialities but focus on a passion for souls.



Blessings to all,

Manasseh & Victoria Wakawa