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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Beloved GIMI Partners,

Blessed New Year's greetings in the precious name of Jesus! I trust that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas season and that your New Year has gotten started off with the sweet presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Most all of us had to go through many trials this past year, but it is my prayer that the challenges of 2016 might be turned into great opportunities for a huge harvest of souls during this New Year.

Recently at our church, I preached on Paul's letter to the Philippians in which he said the following in Philippians 3:12-14. "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am

apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Please bear in mind that Paul was in a stinking rotten prison cell probably filled with cockroaches and rats when he made the above statement. And, probably no other follower of Christ ever suffered more than Paul. But while staring an uncertain future in the face, he said that he had not yet arrived, but that he was stretching on for the finish line in the race he was running. He also said that he had not matured the way he wished that he would have, but he had decided to not look back but just to keep pushing forward to the finish line. He had resolved that whatever might happen, his single-minded goal was to remain faithful, grow as much as he could, and eventually reach the goal which God had planned for him. Of course, we all know that God's plan for Paul was to take the Gospel to the lost world, and prepare others to do the same as well. I believe this should be our goal also.

We must not forget that as Paul was looking to the future with great vision, he determined that he would keep a teachable spirit so that he could learn everything God had in store for him to learn. In other words, Paul was determined that because Jesus purchased him when He shed his blood on the cross for all of us, he wanted the Savior to have gotten His money's worth when He bought him. My question to each of us as born-again believers is, "Did Jesus get His money's worth when He saved us?" I don't know about you, but after 50 years of ministry I still feel that I have done so little in comparison to what Jesus has done for me. If God will give me good health this New Year of 2016, I want to know Jesus more

intimately, experience a life of His greater resurrection power, learn to suffer without complaining, and die to self just like Jesus wants each of us to do. This is exactly what Paul said in verses 10-11 of the text I mentioned above.

God truly has great things in store for all of us in this upcoming year, but our ultimate goal should be to have the heart and mind of Jesus and to love what He loves, hate what He hates, and feel the way He feels. If we will get to this place, then we will have the greatest year of our lives. Let's make a genuine resolution to do this!

May I Ask You A Very Honest Question? Do You Ever Really Get Discouraged?

To be extremely honest, I do! And may I tell you that recently because of more health problems, I have been very discouraged! I say this not to ask for your sympathy, but I do it to ask for your fervent prayers!

Many of you already know that just after our recent Spiritual Leadership Seminar and World Missions Conference back in November of this past year, I went to my cardiologist for a new test due to some regular chest pain. I had put this visit off till after our special meetings. The news I got when I saw my doctor was not good! He told me that I had to have another heart catheterization and to do it very soon. So, I went along with his recommendation and had the procedure on December 1, 2015.

During the heart procedure my doctor discovered that I had two new blockages in the main (widow maker) artery on the front of my heart. This was one of the arteries that I had had a by-pass in during open heart surgery back in 2010. My doctor decided during the catheterization that he would go ahead and do a very dangerous procedure by going through my previous graph and placing two more stents in this main artery. It was a very long and painful procedure, but Dr. Brian Steg, my cardiologist, told me that it was very successful.

The only problem now is that my heart is only pumping 70% of its capacity. So, I came out of this additional procedure somewhat discouraged. Why? Because every day when I get up, I am not sure what I am to do next or where we go from here. I now know that I have to cut way back on my work load and rest a lot more, plus I have to exercise as much as I can. Thus, I am in the midst of 36 rehab treatments right now trying to strengthen my heart and get back to a limited routine of work and ministry. I only missed preaching in one

service during this time of recent treatment, and I hope to continue on with my preaching and teaching schedule as much as is possible. I will just need to cut back on a lot of other things that I have been doing.

We Have Cancelled The Radio Broadcasts For Now!

One of the most demanding ministries that I have been doing for a long time is the recording and production of our weekly radio broadcast. God had really blessed this radio ministry until we were on seventeen stations here in America and Africa. Many people had come to Jesus through this ministry, including many Muslims. But, after much prayer I have decided to discontinue this outreach until I can see how I get along health wise.

I want to thank all of you that have really helped us financially with the radio broadcast. I plead with you to really consider continuing to help our General Fund due to so many needs at this time when I will not be able to travel a lot here in America to raise support for GIMI. We so desperately want all of our other ministries to continue on like they have for many years. In fact folks, during this past year, 2015, GIMI has seen over 115,000 people pray to receive Christ in all of our African countries and the Ukraine, and all of our reports are not yet in! I just simply praise God for His saving power and what He has done through this ministry, in spite of my health issues.

47 People Baptized On Christmas Morning In Rwanda!

So, have I been discouraged? Yes, but not for long! I must tell you that while I was feeling a little down, we started getting reports in from our fields telling about the great harvest that is going on. On Christmas morning I received the news from our Preachers in Rwanda where the dreadful genocide took place, Emmanuel Ndolimana and Pascal Ndagijimana, that on Christmas day they baptized 47 people who had gotten saved! Meanwhile, other new converts are still awaiting baptism.



In addition to this wonderful news, they told me that this year they have planted four new churches in Rwanda for the cause of Christ, and they are all growing. This church planting and evangelism ministry is in addition to their regular prison ministry in their country. When I saw the photos of the baptismal services, I cried and said, "yes Lord, it is all truly worthwhile". Whatever we have to do to keep this ministry going, we must because so much is at stake in reaching these lost people for Jesus.

And folks, one man and his wife that were saved and baptized were former Muslims! What a victory for Jesus!

Over 2,000 Baptisms In The DR Congo During 2015

I also want to share with you that on the following day after Christmas my heart was so blessed when we received a field report for the entire year of 2015 from our Democratic Republic of the Congo Director, Pastor Israel Ngirababo. He lives in the large Eastern city of Goma near the Rwandan border. In this marvelous report, Pastor Israel shared with us about the wonderful response to the Gospel that he had received in the large Goma Prison and also in his field work with churches and refugee camps in the mountains and villages of Northeastern DRC. God really used Israel as he traveled in some of the most dangerous territory in the world among guerilla militants and preached the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as a representative of GIMI. During this past year, he shared the Gospel with 22,956 people with 2,038 of these praying to receive Christ as personal Savior and then following Christ in believer's baptism to identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. To all of our GIMI prayer and financial partners, I want to say that we have some of the greatest servants of God working with us that any ministry could ever have. We must continue to pray fervently for these dear servants of God as they share Christ on the frontlines of war-torn countries in Africa. My, what a privilege it is to just be a little part of this wonderful GIMI ministry sharing the love of Jesus with thousands of people who without the prayers and finances of God's people here in America would never have the chance to hear the Good News.

What a glorious thought to ponder as we enter this New Year!



A Wonderful Report From Troubled Burundi

Many of you Gateway International Baptist Church members know that every week for many months I have been asking you to really pray for our Burundian Pastor, Domitien Sabongerwa, and his family during this turbulent time in this beautiful country. The country has had many people to die during the past several months because of the Presidential election. In addition, over 200,000 people have fled the country to take refuge in Rwanda and Tanzania. Yet, in spite of this terrible situation, our GIMI Director, Pastor Domitien, has still been preaching in the prisons and in his church. He is doing all he can with the troubled environment in his home land. Just last week during the Christmas season, he went to two prisons in Burundi and shared Christmas food and humanitarian assistance and preached the Gospel. He also distributed numbers of Bibles and booklets which GIMI provided. During these visits to the prisons, Pastor Domitien has preached the Gospel to over 4,000 people with over 1,000 of them praying to receive Jesus as their personal Savior.

Folks, the devil thinks he can win by bringing fighting to a country, but Jesus always wins in spite of whatever Satan does. Praise God for what He is doing in Burundi during these difficult days.



People Are Getting Saved In The Ivory Coast

While I am sharing with you the mighty work that God has been doing in our various countries in Africa during this past year and in the Christmas season, I want to mention that God is blessing our work in our newest country, the Ivory Coast, West Africa. Our preacher there is Pastor Jean Roger Guede. He is working diligently to preach the Gospel in the prisons, plus in his own church and community. Please pray for Pastor Guede and his family.

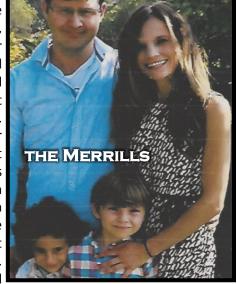
Pastor Guede was one of the six African pastors that we were able to bring to America recently for our special meetings back in November. The Ivory Coast is another African country that has been through many years of civil war and hardship. Pray that God might use our GIMI Ministry there to really make a difference in this war-torn country. Let's pray that thousands of people will get saved and give their hearts to Jesus. The only thing that can keep a war prone country in peace is the preaching of the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Our Brand New Ministry In Romania

I am sure all of you know that the majority of GIMI's international work overseas has been in Africa and the Ukraine for a very long time. Recently, I was introduced to a fine young preacher whose name is Nathan Merrill. Brother Nathan is a graduate of Liberty University. He is a certified medical doctor in addition to his ministry of sharing the Gospel. Nathan married a fine young lady, Anca, who as a child was a street kid in Romania. After much prayer and deliberation, Nathan and Anca decided to move to Romania and begin a brand new Christian orphanage for the street

children there Romania. Just before they left for the field, they came to our Gateway International Baptist Church and shared briefly about their new ministry. After much prayer, our church decided to start the supporting of this precious couple on a monthly basis. I plan for GIMI to become involved in this great ministry as well. Presently, Nathan and



Anca are remodeling an older church building in order to start their orphanage in this facility. And just within the last month, they have gotten their first child for the orphanage.

JoAnne and I are really excited about supporting this new ministry, plus getting some of our friends here in America to pray for and financially support Nathan and Anca. I would like to ask all of you who get this newsletter to pray for this new work of God. If God leads you to do so, we would encourage you to help this new project with your financial support. If you want to send a gift to them, just write your check to GIMI and send it to our offices and designate it for the Romanian Orphanage Project. We will make sure that Nathan and Anca get every dollar that you might send.

Help Us Train Some Pastors!

Most of you probably know that our Gateway International Bible College is well under way. We have just completed the first classes here in our classroom during the month of December. Presently, I am working laboriously to get many of our upcoming classes ready for our correspondence students in other parts of the world. We have already sent the first course to one of our Kenya preachers, Shadrack Ekai. He should be receiving his first course in just a very short time. Brother Shadrack is a dedicated student who has already gone through another school in Kenya. I have no doubt that he will excel as a student here at GIBC. We are also on the verge of signing several other students in our extension program. Please help us pray that we will get the students God wants us to enroll.

Now, we sincerely need some of you dear people to help us. In order for us to make these courses available overseas, we need some sponsors for the courses so that we can afford to offer them to many pastors and missionaries. Every course will be credited with three semester hours of study, and the cost is \$50.00 per course. If you could possibly help with the cost of these courses, we will connect you with the student you are helping. You will then be able to get to know the student by e-mail or regular mail.

Folks, if you really want to help take the Gospel message to a lost world for years to come, please prayerfully consider investing in the futures of our GIBC extension students! This would be a wonderful way to invest in the Kingdom during this upcoming New Year. If you desire more information, please contact us. If God leads you to help with this wonderful new project, just send your gifts to GIMI and designate your check for "Bible College Tuition"!

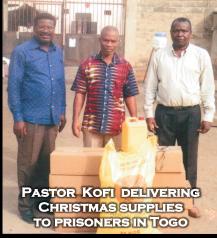
Before I close this note on our new GIBC courses, let me encourage many of you here in the USA to consider enrolling in our program, even with the distance learning. Of course, if you are living in our area, our weekly classes meet every Thursday night from 6:30 pm. until 9:30 p.m. We are really excited about the future of this new ministry because we desire so strongly to help prepare servants of God for greater ministries for our

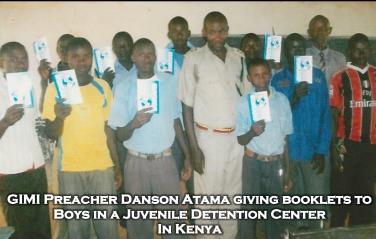
Savior. If you would like to have some more information, just call 828-632-2344, and order a catalogue with all the particulars!











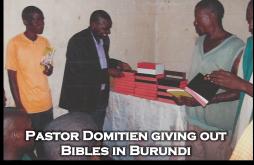








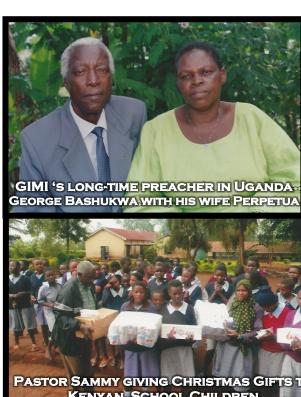








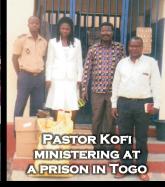














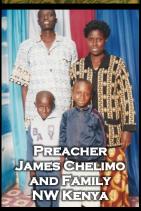
"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness." Psalm 65:11



















A Wonderful Email from Nigeria

Dear Pastor,

May the name of the Lord be praised now and forever in Jesus' name. Please, please forgive me. I should have informed you immediately that I collected the Bibles. I was fully carried away with the great joy in my heart when the Bibles reached our hand. It was a great thing of joy!

We received the Bibles in perfect condition around 1:35 pm at Owede Motor Garage here in Osun State. Since then, we have been sharing the Bibles little by little. Right now, we have shared all the 42 Bibles.

Pastor you have given us the best and the best ever gift! I will never forget this! I believe there is joy in heaven because 42 brothers and sisters are now reading their Bibles daily and having a better relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Although we are 193 in number, now 42 can boast of their own Bibles.

Once again, Pastor, I say thank you very, very much for this best gift of our lives. May the Lord bless you abundantly! Amen! We hope and pray you will send us the remaining Bibles sooner in Jesus Name! Amen

Thanks! Your brother in the Lord Cele Christian

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God."

Luke 8:11 (KJV)





A Very Special Word Of Thanks

Before I bring my article to a close this time, I want to express my sincere thanks to those of you that pray for us daily, and for those of you who give to help us keep this ministry going. My dear wife and I have been over this work for the past 17 years, and we could not continue to win people to Christ were it not for dear friends like you who have helped us so much. So again, thank you for loving souls, for your confidence in JoAnne and myself, and thank you for investing in eternity through GIMI. Your concern for lost souls and your generosity in giving toward the work encourages us to keep pushing on, even with all of my health issues. So, may our wonderful Lord bless you richly and forever because of your kindness. Please know that JoAnne and I sincerely love you and we are praying for you every morning when we have our devotions. Let's keep pushing on toward the finish line as we seek to win people to Christ!

> Dr. Staw Frye President of GIMI John 4:35



Upcoming Mission Trip To Kenya and Uganda

May 9-28, 2016 - An Evangelism and Training Trip

We need to build a team of approximately 8 people to go to Kenya and Uganda to share Christ with hundreds of prisoners, school students, orphans, and even some church members. The estimated cost will be approximately \$4,096 per person for the 19 day trip. If you are interested in joining us for this frontline mission trip, you need to call our GIMI office and get further information. We especially need Christian pastors, counselors, and personal soul winners. Our GIMI office number is 828-632-2344!

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