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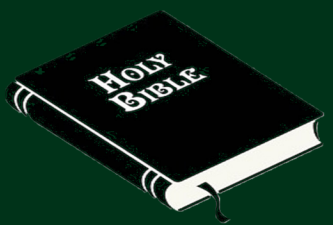
A WORD FROM THE WORD

"...But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."
Matthew 6:20



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What Goes Round Comes Round...

Norman and Carol Zurcher

The old saying, "What goes around comes around," is demonstrated in the life of Rev. Norman and Carol Zurcher. The Zurchers ministered across South Africa from 1959-1994, fulfilling multiple responsibilities during their missionary service. Twenty years after Norman's passing, Carol returns a portion of his library back to Africa, where the books will be a further blessing to the next generation.

In the words of Carol Zurcher, *" We sailed to South Africa and arrived 19 days later in Cape Town in January 1959, with their children, Kay (18 months) and Bob (3½ months) We traveled 1000 miles by train to Johannesburg to our first assignment at Rehoboth Nazarene Bible College and soon the Northern District Church of the Nazarene....which we did for 25 years (living in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth) with multiple responsibilities. For our last 9 years we served as Field Strategy Coordinator for Africa (Nazarene) South Field. This involved the leadership of districts in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Namibia...* ***I thank the Lord that some of Norman's books are going back to be a blessing in Africa."***

The Zurcher Family "recycling" books for Africa

What a wonderful time to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus and to celebrate what that means in our personal lives. I recently saw a book title, "WHAT IF JESUS HAD NEVER BEEN BORN?" by D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe and it got me to thinking. My first thought was the word HOPE. It is the hope received from Jesus' birth that brings the promise of forgiveness and eternal life. HALLELUJAH! So it is with great delight that Mike and I as well as the CLA family bring Christmas greetings to you— our extended family.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the LORD." Luke 2:11

-Testimonies -

KENYA

Report from Pastor Abraham: "It is with a heart full of gratitude that I share this brief progress report from our ongoing ministry among newly admitted first-year students at the **University of Nairobi**...The discussions on **God's holiness, His call for His people to be holy, surrender, obedience, separation from sinful influences, spiritual growth, and living a Christ-centered life** have generated particularly meaningful conversations. (A) **composite testimony summaries**: where we receive permission to share students' exact words:

"*Before these lessons, I thought that being a Christian mostly meant believing in Jesus, attending church and trying to be a good person. I am beginning to understand that God is interested in how I live when nobody is watching. Holiness must enter my decisions, friendships, conversations and private life."*

"*I was excited that at university I could make my own decisions. But I am learning that Christian maturity is not asking, 'Can I do this?' but also asking, 'Will this please God?' I want my freedom to bring me closer to God rather than slowly take me away from Him*."

"*I used to hear the word holiness and think about pastors and very spiritual people. These lessons are showing me that God is also calling me as a student. I can pursue holiness in my studies, relationships, friendships and future career*."

"*I still want to succeed academically, but I am beginning to ask myself another question: What kind of person will I be when I graduate? I do not want to leave university with a degree but lose my relationship with God*."

"*It is amazing to think that somebody who does not know my name and may never meet me personally gave something so that I could have this book. I want them to know that their gift has reached a real student and that I am reading it. May God bless them*."

Evangelist Wilson writes: "Praise the Lord!
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am writing on behalf of **My Beatrice Foundation** with a heart full of thanksgiving to God and deep appreciation to you, Dr. Jim Lo, and all the faithful donors and friends of CLA who have continued to place *God's Call to Holiness (GC2H)* into the hands of believers in Kenya.

Pastors, teachers, and ordinary church members repeatedly told us that the lessons were helping believers examine their Christian lives more deeply and understand holiness not merely as a doctrine to be discussed, but as a life to be lived daily through the power of the Holy Spirit.

One participant testified: *"These lessons awakened something within me. I had been a Christian for many years, but as we studied the call to holiness, I began examining my inner life before God. I felt the Holy Spirit challenging me to surrender areas of my life that I had never seriously considered before."*

Another believer shared: *"I came to the training expecting another ordinary Bible study, but the lessons became very personal. I could see areas where my outward Christian life did not agree with what was happening in my heart. I have begun seeking God differently and asking the Holy Spirit to transform me from within."*

A third participant described the experience this way: *"The book has helped me understand that holiness is not simply knowing Scripture or attending church. It is allowing Christ to change our attitudes, relationships, thoughts, and daily conduct. I now desire a closer walk with God."*

This next phase will seek to reach the two church communities more comprehensively, and we are prayerfully targeting approximately **600 believers who did not benefit with books from the previous training**. Our desire would be to place a copy of *God's Call to Holiness* into the hands of every participant so that the teaching can continue beyond the training hall and into their homes, families, prayer groups, and local congregations. "

Because You Gave and Prayed

Sister Catherine writes: " On behalf of our entire ministry team, I sincerely thank you for believing in these forgotten and often hopeless children. Through your faithful partnership, the Lord has opened doors for us to minister in institutions where many young lives have experienced rejection, pain, and brokenness. Yet, through the power of God's Word contained in the DT4C resources, we are witnessing hope being restored.

...our team of trainers has been conducting discipleship sessions using the DT4C books donated by CLA. The response has been overwhelmingly encouraging. The administration of the institution warmly welcomed the program and expressed great appreciation for the biblical training being offered to the children. They have affirmed that the materials are making a meaningful contribution to the spiritual and moral development of the learners under their care.

Reaching Youth with Discipleship Training for Children Books

...Most encouraging of all, several institutions have already begun reporting the awakening work of the Holy Spirit among the children. We are hearing testimonies of genuine spiritual hunger, changed attitudes, renewed hope, and an increasing desire among many of the children to know and follow Jesus Christ. These reports have greatly encouraged our team and strengthened our conviction that the Lord is using these books to transform lives for His glory.
With sincere gratitude and prayers,
Sister Catherine

More from Evangelist Wilson...

In the words of Evangelist Wilson of Kenya:
"We took religious empowerment initiative to City Shine Secondary School...we distributed religious study books and encouraged learners to maintain high standard of discipline and for the candidates success in the final Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations… Thank you Christian Literature for Africa for the unwavering support."

Students receiving
CLA "Discipleship Training for Children" Books

Christian Library: One Box at a TIME

Sorted and inventoried books,
packed boxes,
and
stacked pallets -
A few more to go and then ready to roll to Nigeria

The packing and stacking continues as we target the release of the container to Nigeria.
Rev. Ifiok and his team are eagerly waiting for the 40' container of resources to establish the Christian Library.
For participation: Please feel free to designate a shipping gift to CLA

Rev. Ifiok Ikoh
Responsible Pastor

Partners Connecting Through Prayer and Giving

Praises:

- Pastor Abraham is teaching *God's Call to Holiness* to 1700 first year students at the University of Nairobi.
- This year, so far, the following study books have been printed in-country thanks to faithful donors:
  - *God's Call to Holiness*: Arabic 1550; English 8168; Portuguese 500.
  - *Discipleship Training for Children:* Arabic 2500; English 14956; Chichewa 250.
  - *Bible Study for New Christians*: Arabic 125; English 541
- The CLA books/resources are becoming the "missionaries" and "Bibles" where Bibles are not allowed.

Requests:

- **Containers:** We are proceeding with the container to Nigeria for a Christian library. The cost of the Nigerian shipment is $5000-$6000. Feel free to designate your donation "Nigeria" to meet this need.
- **Resources:** The ongoing need for finances to print study books: *God's Call to Holiness, Bible Studies for New Christians,* and *Discipleship Training for Children* in multiple languages and purchase Bemba, French, Swahili and Chichewa Bibles from local Bible Societies for multiple countries.
- **New Churches and Converts:**
  - The discipling of new converts that experience persecution from their decision to follow Christ.
  - The training of new pastors leading these new churches and discipling the new converts.

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