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On December 19th, Les, Twyla and Sarah preached at three different Nairobi churches at the same time. (L) Les was preaching under a sticks and plastic tarp church "building" in Omoja 3. Twyla preached at Redemption Victory Centre in Huruma, and Sarah at Christ the King Gospel in Dandora. (R) Children waited outside for Sarah to arrive. What a blessing for all of us to share God's Word on the same day!



The highlight in December was raising donations to help the Joy Divine orphans have a great Christmas. The original goal was for each of the boys to get a new pair of shoes, but as donors responded, far more than just shoes was provided! (L) Here was one of the trips Twyla made to purchase the required school uniforms to get the boys into school in January. Besides the required leather school shoes and school uniforms, the school fees were paid for 15 children to attend school. In addition, bags of dried food supplies were purchased to feed the boys into 2011! Thank you, Jesus, and all those who gave!

Besides providing the necessities of dried food staples, clothing, and schooling, we wanted the boys to have some fun and make some memories of special times they don't usually enjoy. What better way than to invite the 36 boys over for a swim party on December 23rd?! They swam, sang Christmas songs for us, played table games, and consumed massive amounts of food... 2 Happy Birthday Jesus cakes, 22 lbs. of beef made into sloppy Joes, 100 buns, and four large ice cream cartons of potato salad, along with beans, punch, and popcorn. Sarah also shared an inspiring Christmas devotional with the boys.



Finally, we wanted the boys to have something personal. Twyla sewed up 35 Christmas stockings. However, she realized from the list that there were 36 boys... and there was no more material to make another stocking! Three times the stockings were counted, only to find 35. But as she worked through the list, personalizing each stocking with a boy's name in glitter, the Lord multiplied them to 36! Joyfully they were stuffed with personal items such as toothbrushes, combs, shampoo, soap, as well as school supplies, treats, small toys for the younger boys and razors and ties for the older ones. They were also surprised with a bottle of soda to take back to Joy Divine! (L) James K. is beaming about his soda and stocking, even before he gets to see what's inside! I guess for a kid who has nothing, it didn't matter!

Our own Christmas was celebrated with three other missionaries and one of our Kenyan friends who works at CMM. We ate a huge dinner, read a Christmas story, sang Christmas carols, played the White Elephant gift exchange game, and enjoyed multiple desserts. Gladys also joined us for the fun and games. (R) The best part, though, was enjoying Christmas with our daughter, Sarah, who was home for only her 2nd "Only Child Christmas" time with Mom & Dad in her 30 years. It was special, too, as only 3 days later she left for mission work in the Philippines for most, if not all, of her 2011. We miss her!



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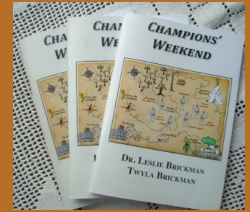


Galatians 6:14^{KJV}

But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.



Except for our regular appointments, coaching, and ministry, January was very focused on writing a Champions' Weekend booklet, as well as creating the PPTs. This was a project we have wanted to do for 16 years, but we were finally spurred on to do it by Pastor Mark and the needs for spiritual freedom by so many here in Africa. (R) The teaching and 64-page manual helped attendees receive healing at the Hurting Hospital, move into blessing along the Cursed Road, receive cleansing at the Swamp of Impurity, tear down Rebellion Mountain, shine light into the Dark Forest, and slay the Giants in the Valley of Giants, before crossing the finish line as Champions in Christ. The first of its kind here, God was glorified!



This first of many Champions' Weekends was held Friday night and all day Saturday, Jan. 28-29, with members from Destiny Chapel at the CMM Conference Center. (L) When not alternating teaching the nine sessions, Les & Twyla were available for additional ministry, while peer pairs ministered to one another (R).



(L) The CMM crew cooked outside to provide us with three great meals, as well as two tea breaks. Kenyans love their tea with milk, of course, part of British heritage. (R) Attendees loved the food, as well as the newly completed dining hall that seats about 400.



Here were some comments about having a Ministry Peer Partner: "I was able to share things with my peer partner I've not shared with anyone. I dealt with serious issues that were holding me back from being the man God is calling me to be." MK "The concept of having a peer was amazing because sometimes pastors have a lot to deal with and can't spend as much time counseling and helping one deal with the issues we dealt with. I was able to confess my sins to my peer, something that I have never done before." NM "[It was so helpful] being allowed to team up with a friend & not be fixed with one."

(R) Some of the attendees shared testimonies on Sunday. Here are a few quotes from the evaluations: "I have been totally transformed in my way of thinking" PC "It was very liberating as I had carried some hurts in my heart for a long time." NM "He totally healed me of issues I didn't even know affected me. I now know why I've been spiraling 'round my mountain of sin." JO "I was able to identify areas that I must tackle head on in order to live free i.e. giants of worry, doubt. I have [learned] the authority I have over Satan & powers of darkness." MW "[It] liberated me and took away guilt. It also gave me someone to be accountable to. It made [my] Christian walk more real." EG *PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS VICTORY!!!*



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FEBRUARY

1. Les has a Life Focus Workshop here all day (12 hours!) this coming Friday with his coaching students.
2. Completion of the Cell Apprentice material, placed on hold in order to finish the Champions' Weekend.
3. Boot Camp is scheduled to begin this month both with Destiny Chapel, and to model for other churches.
4. We have a SCMI Planning Meeting next Monday to prayerfully decide 2011 priorities and schedule.
5. Another Champions' Weekend is already scheduled for later in 2011. Please pray for His light to continue to shine into the "Dark Continent." Besides the usual "Western" sins, there are an abundance of demonic curses, witchcraft, and tribal practices here that impact many lives. Our Champions' material has been tailored to address and bring freedom from these and other specifically African issues.
6. Our health, safety, financial provision, wisdom, empowerment, and God to daily use us as He wills!

