



“To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV



Friends: May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and yours in His mercy and grace this month of September!

Kappy continues to do well medically, and she is feeling reasonably well! We again appreciate your heartfelt prayers for her!

Our September ministry trip to Uganda has been canceled as the country has continued the closure of churches due to the virus—perhaps for two more months. We wait on the Lord for His purpose, His season, and timing for this ministry. The Life Application Study Bibles we planned to distribute have not yet arrived in Uganda.

Our friend Don Parker, who loves children and who with his wife Janet blessed our work with children, has passed on to the Lord! Thank you to all who prayed for Don; please continue to pray for Janet and her family. Our good friends Patrick and Debbie O’Connor

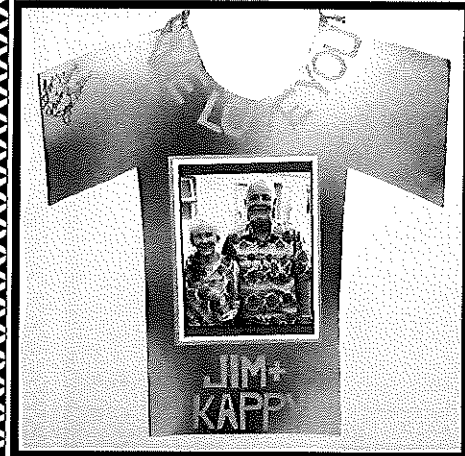
(in the top photo at left) with Kappy came to Florida a few months ago. They are missionaries who have blessed us many times over the years, especially in our church planting work. They have informed us that Debbie, who has advanced cancer, is now on Hospice. Would you please pray for the O’Connors? They have blessed us with their faithful and loving witness of Christ’s grace during Debbie’s painful, almost 2-year illness.

In July, I, Jim, visited Chapelstreet Church in Batavia, IL, and New Hope Church in Alsip, IL. This visit was a blessing. Our thanks to both churches—our love to you! New Hope is a remarkable church with exceptional people and especially blessed us with their expression of love and support. At left is a gift made by Pastor Gerry and Joyce that we enjoy; the church long ago noted my African shirts, and we have enjoyed the church’s shirt mementos over many years! Would you please pray for these dear Christians and churches?

Jim will make a trip, Lord willing, to visit friends and churches in Maryland and the Chicago area for most of September. We

trust that Kappy will be well here in FL. Christian sisters here will help her as needed.

The photo at the lower right is of children who



attended a Gospel Outreach in collaboration with our work, Mission To Children and Victory Church, on August 14 in Northern Kenya. Ninety-four children in this primarily Muslim area enjoyed a day of the gospel, good food, games, and activities, including memorization of Bible verses. Some who attended made professions of faith and have been encouraged to come to services for discipleship. Pray for salvation and good discipleship for these children; pray for their welfare and protection as there is intense persecution in this area. We appreciate your prayers for the friends mentioned above and for our efforts to lift up the name of Jesus in His time, place, and purposes.

KAPPY'S CORNER—Wounded Butterfly

A narrow corridor ran between the outside of the garage wall and the retaining wall of our last house in Uganda. One day on that path, as I made my way back to the clothes line, I was startled to feel something brush my cheek. I looked up in time to see a butterfly only inches away. It was beautiful, brightly colored—but then I noticed part of one wing was missing. I marveled that it could fly at all, but as I watched it flit upward I realized it was being lifted by the breeze beneath its wings.

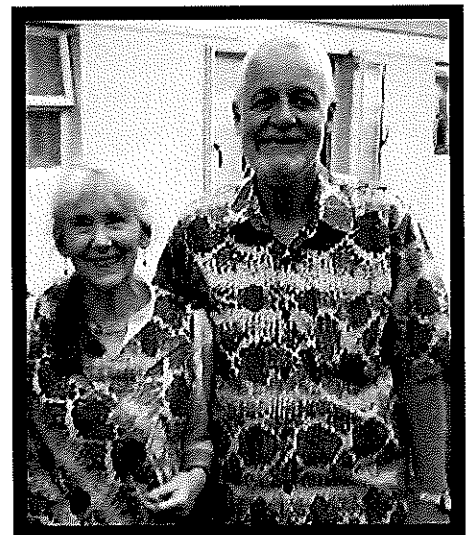
When I was first saved, over thirty-eight years ago, I thought coming to Christ would mean the end of all my troubles. I know others who thought the same thing. It isn't long before we learn the truth of the matter, is it? Difficulty and distress comes to all of us, believer and non-believer alike. In the last year and a half we have seen more sickness and death than I can remember ever happening in that short a time. I believe we've all lost (or are losing) neighbors, friends and loved ones. And by "we" I mean everyone around the world.

The important thing for us to know is that God is in control. Whether or not God's power over all is recognized, everything that lives on this earth is dependent on Him for everything. No matter how bad things look, no matter how much we hurt, He loves us and He knows better than we do what is needed to make us more like Christ. He knows what will bring us to the end of ourselves. He knows how to bring us near to Him when drawing near to Him may be the last thing on our minds. When we're wounded and weary and flapping like crazy like that butterfly, feeling that part of us is missing, He's here to lift us, strengthen us and bear us up. And ultimately, when this life on earth is over, God promises to deliver those who love and worship Him from all distress and take us to be with Him forever.

Oh, that those who hate God, who think they can do it on their own, would come to the One who loves them so much that he gave His own Son to die for our sins—the One who gives us every breath, every heartbeat, and everything to sustain life here on this planet.

May our living Lord Jesus bless you friend,

Jim and Kappy



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