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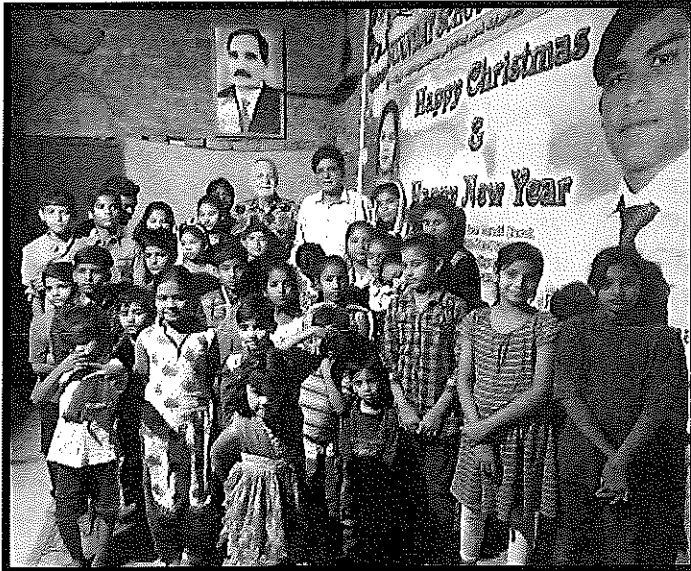


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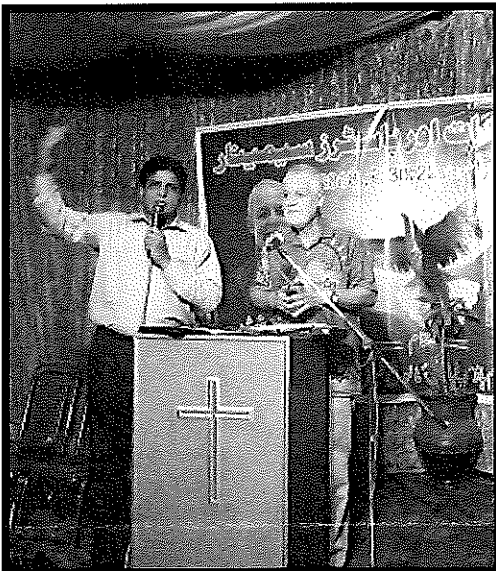
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"...approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel," 1 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV



Friends: May our Lord bless you in His grace this month! Our verse above is a reminder to us that the Lord has entrusted the precious gospel, the power of God unto salvation, and that He approves those He sends to bring the Good News to the nations. How encouraging it is that God calls, prepares, equips, qualifies provides for and sends for His purposes in the Gospel! We thank Him today once again for the Gospel and the Gospel ministry that He has appointed for us!

Late last year I, Jim, was blessed to visit Lahore, Pakistan with a new friend, Minister John Feroze Masih—in both photos at the left. It was an enlightening ministry time and I found the people to be friendly and open. God blessed me with a new view of Islamic people and how they live and interact with each other. We all share so many things in common in life and it was a joy to find common ground with the people and share about the one and only true God and the



eternal Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and His great salvation! The children at left gathered for a Gospel meeting and I taught and preached in various types of meetings for about 12 days. We visited a very poor area called the 'brick kilns' where the people are brick makers, we also visited professing Christians in their homes and in house churches. Many churches in Pakistan meet in houses. John's daughter Elizabeth professed faith in Christ after one meeting and said, "now I know what it means to be born again."

This month I travel to Guinea, West Africa to minister the Gospel to primarily French speaking and Muslim people with another new friend Sieh Kargbo, a Christian Minister and friend of Maurice Bangura of Sierra Leone. I was blessed to minister in Sierra Leone last June and we were recently encouraged that since then 17 new churches with about 220 people attending have baptized about 120 people in that Muslim land. We appreciate your trust, prayers and gifts, dear friends in the Gospel!

FACTS: The Republic of Guinea
Capital: Conakry

Population: 10.5 million

Area: 245,857 sq km (94,926 sq miles)

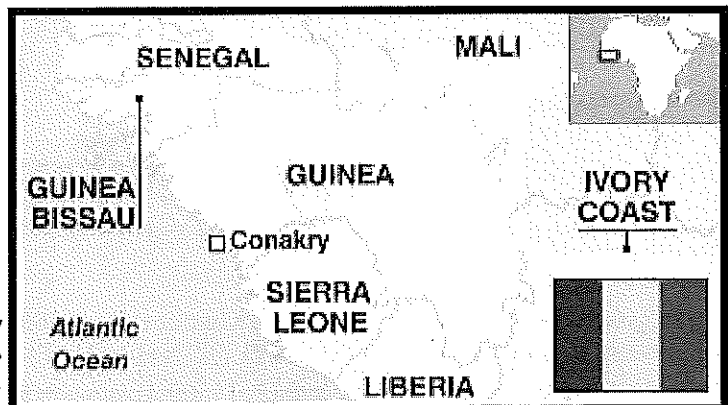
Languages: French, Susu, Fulani, Mandingo

Religions: Islam, Christianity, indigenous beliefs

Life expectancy: 53 years (men), 56 years (women)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 NKJV



KAPPY'S CORNER—Growing and Reproducing

My husband enjoys gardening. One day he went out and dug up a small diamond shaped plot in the grass. Out of his care for his highly allergic wife he planned a pollen-free succulent garden. In the days and weeks that followed he brought home an interesting variety of small plants bought from the plant sellers that line certain main roads here. He has tended them, watched over them, and protected them. His garden is thriving.

There is one plant in particular that interests me. Some months ago he brought it back from a ministry trip to western Uganda. It was small and one of the silvery green leaves died almost immediately after it was planted. We were unsure of its survival since it came from a very different environment, but it has slowly and steadily grown large and healthy. The spear-head shaped leaves grow straight up from the heart of the plant. They become broader and darker green as they come to maturity and the tips begin to curve downward toward the soil. One day we noticed an odd looking pale growth on the point of one of the larger leaves. As we watched it day by day we recognized it as a miniature of the parent plant. What a design! I marvel at the genius of God's creation. Since then the parent plant has reproduced itself many times over.

It occurs to me that this plant is a picture of the Church. As I was reading in Acts, chapter 2, about the day of Pentecost, it struck me that a handful of believing Jews in an upper room in Jerusalem were the beginning of the New Testament Church, the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit eventually moved them and others in the early church to write the very words I hold in my hands today, over 2,000 years later. We know some of these people well from their writings. As the believers matured in the Holy Spirit they reached out and, in a sense, reproduced themselves spiritually many times over. One by one by one, souls came to Christ. We who are saved are the result of this early action of the Holy Spirit through these very human individuals.

Just as a plant can't live without the root, the Church is rooted and grounded in Christ, the Word of God. Let this serve as an encouragement to all of us who love the Lord Jesus Christ that He has and will continue to work in and through us very human individuals—for His glory.

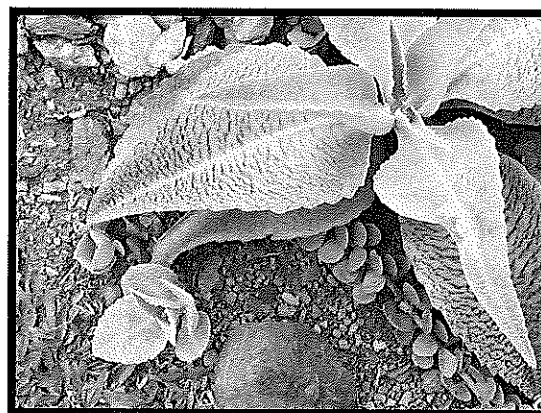
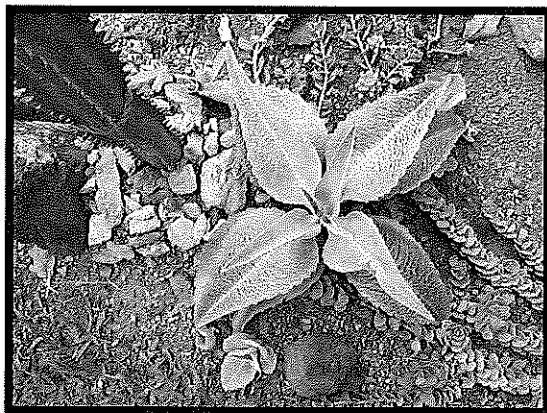
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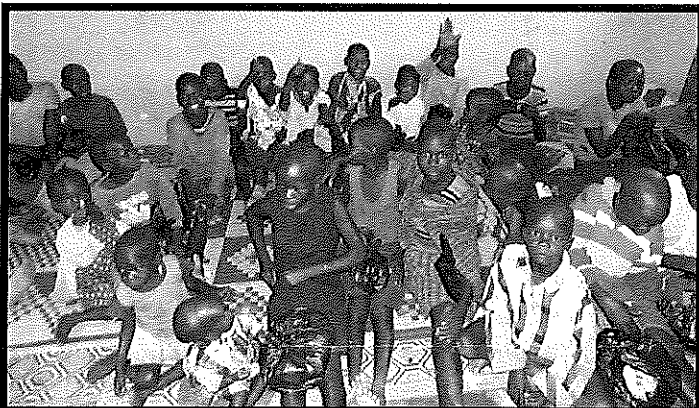
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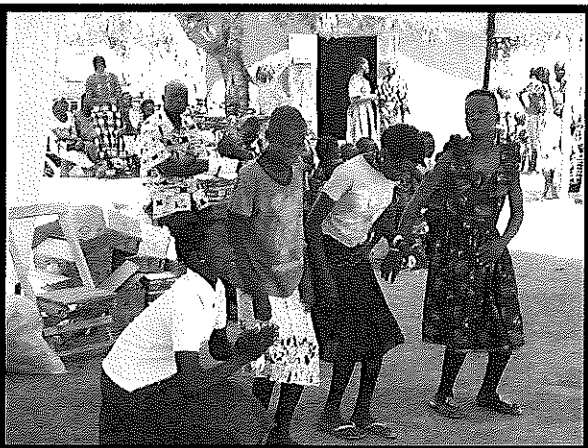
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“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’ ”

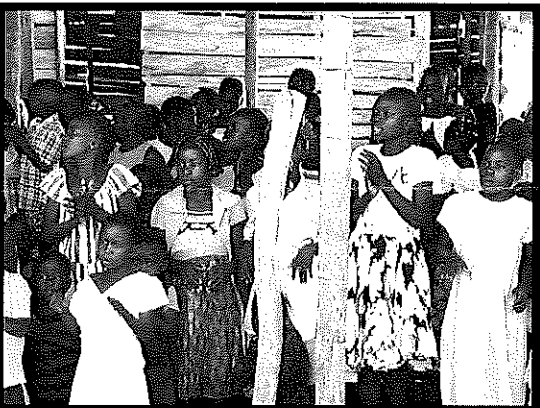
Mark 16:15 NKJV.

Friends: May the Lord grace you and yours in the New Year of 2019 that He has blessed us with! In our verse above the Lord sends the apostles into all the world with the instruction to preach the gospel to every creature (person). Then He tells them that those who believe in Him through their preaching will be saved and these will evidence salvation by their true repentance and obedience to the teaching of the faith while those who do not believe in Him will be condemned. The Good News is to come to all. We thank God today that He has appointed that we serve Him in Uganda and that because we are here we can preach the Good News to



many. By God’s grace, we are enabled to reach people here that we could never have reached so directly had He not brought us here. We thank you too, dear friend, for your part in enabling us to bring the Gospel to the people. Please pray for many conversions and for God to work through the mercy He led us to receive and show the people.7.

Seeking to obey God’s Word we were blessed to serve in our Christmas Evangelistic Outreaches to the Karamojong and Street Boys (top left photo), to Prisoners in Luzira and Bombo (bottom right photo), in a village in Lira (top right photo; notice the grass thatched church building), in villages in Soroti and Mbale, in churches in Kampala and Matugga, and in a village in Kayunga (lower two photos at left). God led us to minister to over 4200 children, youth and adults in these meetings and professions of faith in Christ were made.



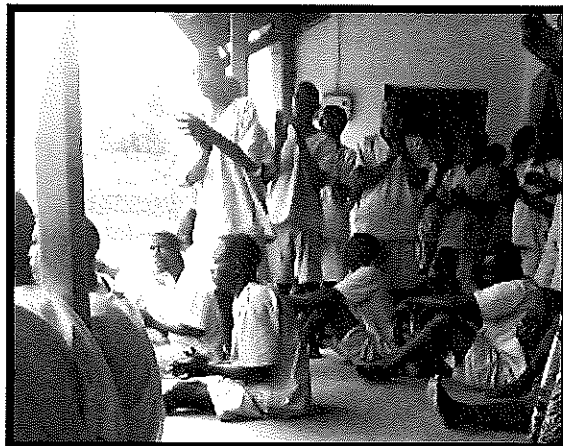
This year we were also able to encourage pastors and distribute Scriptures and Literature in Lira, Soroti and Mbale as we met with the pastors separately and then served the children in these locales.

There was tangible happiness at times as the people enjoyed a good meal, gifts, the Scriptures and Literature Distribution, and the ministry and fun! Young



and old heard God’s Good News! The 81-year-old mother of a friend that we have served over the years has professed faith in Christ! In Kayunga we were told that many children who came to the church that day for our service do not usually go to church. In fact, our meeting became a village-wide event as the villagers came at various times to take part in some fashion in the meeting. It is culturally appropriate that you can’t turn someone away who wants food, so we fed many more who came (more than planned) and they therein had contact with the Gospel. In Matugga a Muslim woman professed faith in Christ; while in Soroti about 400 children and adults carefully heard God’s Word of salvation.

Love & thanks to you in the Gospel!



KAPPY'S CORNER—Little Things

One abnormally quiet morning, on a day that promised to be a hot one, the gentle, sweet twittering of a sunbird caught my ear. I crept to my open window expecting to see our regular visitor, the male sunbird with his jewel-like feathers, drinking nectar from the pink and white cane blossoms, but he wasn't there. Then I noticed a flitting deep inside the shadows of the cane leaves. It was his delicate brown mate. She was taking a bath, as only a bird can, in the droplets of water that had gathered on the leaves. She may have known I was there, but she gave me the rare delight of watching until she'd joyfully scattered every drop of water and her bath was finished.

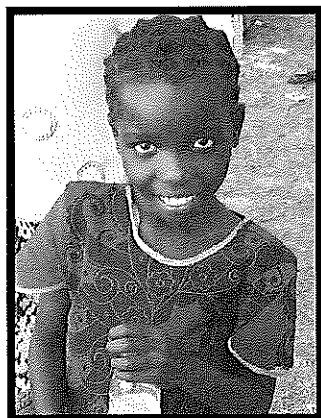
Philip Keller, in his book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, describes what I want to say better than I: *"There is for the true child of God that intimate, subtle, yet magnificent experience of sensing the Comforter at his side. This is not imagination—it is the genuine, bona fide reality of everyday life. There is a calm, quiet repose in the knowledge that He is there to direct even in the most minute details of daily living. He can be relied on to assist us in every decision and in this lies tremendous comfort for the Christian."*

There are countless little prayers I send up each day—sometimes without knowing I'm praying—that are answered in delightful, quiet ways. I mean, the Lord brought the little sunbird outside my window at just the time I needed a touch of tranquility. How many other little blessings does the Lord bring into our lives on a daily basis that in our busyness we hardly notice? When we see the little things God does for us, it deepens our confidence in Him to take care of all things regarding our lives. If He lovingly cares for the needs of the most fragile bird, how much more does He lovingly care for us?

Thank You, Lord, for answering our prayers—even when we didn't recognize the little sigh that escaped was a prayer. Thank You for a new year and for the many blessings and victories You brought about in the past year. Open our hearts to sense Your presence in the little things this year. May we draw closer, love You more, trust You more, and love each other more in the days to come. Amen.

Glad and thankful to serve the Lord,

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