

“I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God for  
the salvation of everyone who  
believes” Romans 1:16

## Lori Ogle in Africa

July 2008

### *Praise...Prayer Points and Opportunities*

† Praises that our Prison Permits were finally renewed but prayer for the ministry as the team is a new mixture with various ‘agendas’.

† Praise God my Stepdad Fred is finally out of the hospital! Please pray for quick and complete recovery for him.

† Pray for clarity in knowing the Lord’s will in regard to several opportunities that have come my way and for patience as I wait on Him.

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### *Plenty of Praises!*

Praise Jesus that last month all of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) have been relocated from the IDP camps to a home. That was quite a challenge since many of their homes had been burnt and/or it’s impossible for them to return to their old ‘neighborhoods’ as tribal tensions remain high. I feel honored to have served in an IDP camp and I’m grateful that they are all closed now. Thank you for your prayers and support during this trying time in Kenya.

As the IDP work came to an end, another door opened! I happened to meet an acquaintance in passing and she told me that she was returning to the U.S. She asked if I’d be interested in taking her place as an English teacher at

teachers. I prayed about it and felt a peace so I went to interview and I was accepted! I began at the end of April and agreed to teach for one semester, which is 12 weeks long. I teach one beginners and one pre-intermediate class every morning Monday through Friday. Admittedly, I had to brush up on my English and grammar skills. Thankfully much came back to memory and the school has many books and resources that I can utilize, - including the other teachers.

I enjoy teaching but more than that I love interacting with such an international community! From my two

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*A Few of My English Students*

The Language Center. Apparently they were in need of native English speakers to pair up with the Kenya English

classes alone there are adult students from: Gabon, Burkina Faso, Angola, Tanzania, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Lybia, South Korea, China Sudan, Congo, Mozambique, Eretria and Vietnam! Many of my students are either Muslim or Catholic sisters. I pray for opportunities for them to ask me questions about myself and/or times to politely interject where I get my strength from – Jesus! They definitely know

that I am a Christian missionary who passionately believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! Last week with the pre-intermediate group, there was a

reading from one of their books about ghosts. This was great as I listened to their opinions and the power that they believe evil spirits or ghosts have over their lives. Muslims believe that there is always a “good angel” and a “bad angel” – one sitting on each shoulder at all times and that sometimes the bad one is stronger and wins. The Catholic sisters were timid to even discuss the subject and admitted that they are afraid of ghosts and evil spirits! I couldn’t help myself. . . I told them that as a Christian, Jesus has already won that battle for me and I don’t have to fear evil spirits, rather my focus is on His Word, the Bible, and every morning the power that comes from within me comes from the Christ who has conquered death! Strange reactions: the Muslims admired my witness and discipline to devotions; the Catholic sisters said nothing. Well as long as I don’t get kicked out, I will continue to express the Truth as I can and pray for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. Hopefully I will be able to share my testimony at some point!

The majority of my fellow teachers are from Kenya and most aren’t Christian which surprised me! So at break time, I freely state my opinions from a Christian point of view. We always seem to have some topic to discuss during our two 20 minute breaks. Last Friday, one of the teachers wanted to know more about me so I gave some past info of how I used to be a huge drug addict and homeless for a short while, and then break ended. She made me promise to tell her the rest of my story, how I ended up as a “Born Again” and in Kenya. I look forward to that time together and hope we can maybe extend the relationship outside of The Language Center.

I praise God for the two prison staff Bible studies that I was able to lead while our prison permits were on hold. I completed both of them last week, the one with Chaplin Joyce Mutuku and her Spiritual workers which met on Wednes-

day afternoons and the one with the prison staff guards that met on Sunday mornings at 9am. With the prison staff



Some of the Prison Staff Bible Study Members



Peter, a Prison Guard Demonstrating for Us the Teaching We Just Completed

Bible study, we had a celebration with muffins, cookies, fruit and juice. Not all of them were able to be there but it was a good time! They are very keen for me to start another Bible study that would be the second in the Navigators series which focuses more on discipleship and how to ‘grow in God’.

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More good news! At the beginning of this month, we were told our prison permits were being renewed and ministry to the inmates should resume anytime. I will have to provide more info on that in my next newsletter. . .but at least things are moving in the right direction!

And finally the best news, Fred, my Step-Dad came home last month after being in the hospital for almost six months! He had a heart valve replaced and kept getting pneumonia which set all systems off and delayed healing. Please pray for strength for Fred and my Mom as movement progresses towards a full recovery and for some ‘normalcy’ to return to their daily lives. I really appreciate your prayers because from over here there isn’t much else I am able to do and sometimes that’s hard to deal with – but prayer is power!

For me 2008 has been a particularly unpredictable and difficult year already, but the amazing part of it is the comfort that I have been able to receive from Jesus. Many times when I thought doors were closing and I became anxious, just at the right time He opened another door for me. I can hardly believe how many doors have opened and I feel that Jesus has been saying “take a look from My perspective. . .it’s My world! If a door closes shake the dust off. . .I have many other children who need to know me and My love. . . you only need to be willing to walk through the doors I open and stay close to Me.”

I’m so thankful that I can trust Him and walk into new experiences filled with His hope! I can do this because I know that those “whose trust is in You will never be put to shame.” (Psalm 25:3) So it’s good to go out of your comfort zone and grow in God. . .He’s got you covered!

*Seeking His Truth,*

*Lori*