

“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

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Praise...Prayer Points and Opportunities

† Praise the Lord for His clear confirmation that I am in His will, that it's time to leave Africa

† Pray for the Lord to guide and direct me as I examine the next ministry options and locations

† Pray for the various ministries that I have been allowed to be part of, that they will flourish and bear much fruit for the Kingdom

† Pray that I am able to finish well here up until the last bag is packed and I am getting on the plane! Praise Him that I have a free place to stay when I first arrive back to Florida – thanks Sue!

† Also, I am in need of a vehicle for my furlough (Oct – Jan) – please email me if you have any leads or know of a good older model car that I can buy. (the church van is only available for limited time periods)

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KENYA

*“There is a time for every-
thing, and a season for every
activity under heaven...”*

Ecclesiastes. 3:1

After being in Africa for almost 5 years, the Lord has made it clear to me that

***“...it is time to move
into another season.”***

it is time to move into another season. As I look back over the years I marvel at how Jesus has let me be a part of His work and how He has worked in my life, pruning away dead branches and refining by fire. Along the way I faced temptations to ‘give up’ and endured countless trials, but He has sustained me. As I grow to rely more and more on Jesus, I can live in the joy of the Lord and get strength in knowing that when I submit, surrender and obey the Lord is pleased. This knowledge strengthens me to go on, knowing He has good plans for me.

So, how do I know that this is His will for me to leave Kenya? First the women's prison ministry has been successfully transitioned over to Kenyan leadership (as was my original intention). Second, I didn't have to do much of anything in order to sell my car and belongings; usually this is a big hardship for missionaries. My former flat-mate Cathy bought my car and a missionary couple coming to Kenya bought 90% of my household belongings! And the best part is that I

can have use of it all up until the time I leave! This is a God-sent! Thirdly, when I was visiting at SIM, my former mission office, I received some old mail and learned that I had enough airline miles to buy a one-way ticket home to the US! There are many similar occurrences all of which have given me a total peace that this is His timing and will.

Unfortunately, with this peace comes an understanding that I have to say good-byes once again. This is very difficult for me as I don't like goodbyes, but it is the right thing to do. I have been able to review past ministries and reunite with people I haven't seen in awhile.

As most of you know, my first two years were spent equipping indigenous churches to respond in a Christ-like manner to those infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. While I worked with many local churches, I decided to contact those



*Beatrice, one of MMCP's first members,
outside her home with her family*

who I had worked with more closely. So I visited Agnes at Msamaria Mweme



Beatrice and her family live in this one room home

(Good Samaritan) Community Project (MMCP) in the Kiambiu slum that is located just outside of Nairobi. I assisted with the implementation of this ministry and it was gratifying to see that it is still going strong and fabulous to spend time with Agnes again. MMCP continues to care for adult community members who have AIDS by: doing home visits, assisting with basic needs and creating a community of people who read the Word and pray together.



MMCP enjoying time signing with the Kindergarteners

They also have a nursery/kindergarten for the young ones who are either HIV+ or who live with only one parent who has AIDS. Please pray that they do not

grow weary and that they continue the good work that the Lord began.

I also wanted to visit Merciful Redeemer orphanage that I had worked with in the Kibera slums, located inside of Nairobi. However I spoke with Ann, the manager, and she informed me that they are doing very well and had relocated the orphanage to a rural area in Kenya. This is good news as it is a much better environment for the children, but sadly it is too far for me to go visit before I leave for the States.

The Home Based Care (HBC) project in Northwestern Kenya is another ministry that I wanted to visit before leaving. As God provided, I will be making a trip up there to Kipkaren as this is where Cathy wants the car delivered since she will live there upon her return from the US. However, this road trip won't occur until mid-September so I will have to provide an update in my following newsletter.

While it is too costly for me to visit the South Sudan sites where I worked for the next 1 1/2 years, I often go to SIM's Kenyan & Sudan offices to get the scoop...all Is going well and the work is moving forward in southern Sudan. This brings us up to my last year of work, where I began a women's prison ministry with my local church. The ministry is going well under Alice Nyumo's leadership. The team continues to go into the Women's' Remand

I was able to have a Celebration Tea

Center (like our jail) on a weekly basis and into the Main Prison once a month. Along with the farewells, I was able to have a celebration tea with Chaplain Joyce Mutuku and her spiritual workers. I have really enjoyed working with them and will miss each one of them.

Again, I am so amazed and grateful to have been a small part of God's work here in Africa. As I sell, give away and pack my belongings, my emotions are



Me, Zipporah, Chaplin Mutuku, Mary and Lydia (another Mary was absent)

bittersweet. I am happy that I will be closer to my family, friends and church, but I have also made a home here and will be leaving many friends and a way of life. Though it is unlikely that I will ever see some of these people again face to face, it is a comfort to know that one day we will spend eternity together!

Currently I have many exciting ministry options in front of me and I would love to share them with you; but for now I feel the Lord is asking me to wait on Him before I begin to discuss the various directions my life could go. I do know that I will be taking my first official furlough which will be about four months.

I can't thank you enough for your prayers, support and financial assistance – you are a solid part of the work God has enabled me to do in Africa! I ask that you please continue to support me during this time of furlough and to join with me in prayer as I seek the Lord's direction for the next season in my life. I am confident that He will lead me for "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limits" (Psalm 147:5), all I have to do is trust and wait.

*Seeking His Truth,
Lori*