



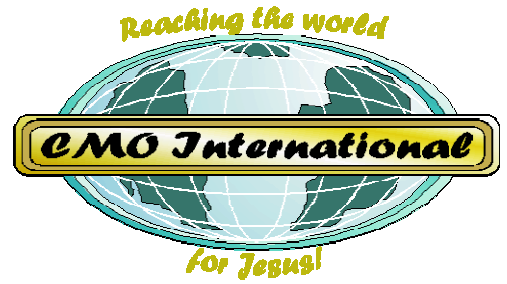
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Happy New Year! God is good....all the time!

While anticipating what God will do in our ministry this year, I can't help but look at what God has done in 2011. Over the past year, Calvary Ministries Kenya has started several new churches (some of them "bush" churches). Working together with our Kenyan brothers, we have also been blessed by God in the building of a half dozen brand new churches. All praise to our mighty God! Some of these new "start up" churches and some of the newly built churches have been started and built in very difficult, remote areas of Kenya. CMO also ran a very successful feeding program during the long Kenya drought in 2011. Thousands of people were fed through the generosity of our supporters and our home church, Victory Worship Center. And, as if all of this isn't enough to praise God for, we also graduated the largest class ever in our TEE (Theological Education by Extension) program. God has taken the willing hands we have lifted toward him and generously blessed our efforts in Kenya this past year!

When in ministry, we learn to build "monuments" to God for the great things he has allowed us to accomplish. Just as the Hebrew people stopped to build "altars" or "monuments" to God after every great blessing he bestowed upon them, we, too, want to build monuments to look back upon when we need encouragement for the coming years. We have had many reasons to build monuments to God in the year 2011! As we begin new ministry in Tanzania, I am sure that we will often need to look back over 2011 to be reminded of the great obstacles God removed for us and to be reminded of how many things were accomplished in an even greater manner than we had envisioned....all because of the power and might of our Lord Jesus Christ!

While on a missions trip to Kenya a few years ago, I recall reading in Luke, Chapter 2 that when the shepherds had come to the manger and recalled to Joseph and Mary all that they had seen and heard, it says in verse 19 that Mary "treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart." That taught me a valuable lesson about what to hold onto and what to remember. These things to "treasure in our hearts" just keep piling up in our ministry. Glory to God!

The "treasures" that I spoke about above are what you keep in mind as you begin a new work for the Lord. It isn't so that you can copy or make the new work identical to the previous works. It is so that when things don't go as you planned or it feels like you are fighting an uphill battle, you can look back on those "monuments" or "treasures" and remember what God has accomplished through our ministry in the past. We can be confident that he will do no less in our new work in Tanzania.

Around June of this year, my dad (Gene Throop) is planning to make an extended trip into the bush of Tanzania for approximately two months. The Maasai tribe that we have worked with for the past 25 years in Kenya also live in Tanzania, close to the Kenyan/Tanzania border. Many of these people are unreached, and the few who have heard of Jesus Christ know him on a very elemental level. That is to say they are "baby Christians." Because our ministry in Kenya is now able to "stand on its own two feet" so to speak, we feel that God has released us to go into Tanzania to begin the work all over again. We are extremely excited about this new work that God has laid at our feet!

As with any trip, there is much planning to be done and we are just beginning. Right now, our first obstacle to overcome is finances. This trip will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000 - \$6,000. This amount would include airfare, purchasing a used motor bike (there are no roads in much of this bush country), food, housing, etc. These estimated expenses don't include the cost of ministry. Our goal is to raise \$5,000-\$6,000

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by April so that we can begin to firm up our plans to evangelize the Maasai tribe in Tanzania. There are other things going on in preparation of this trip that I will share as they become reality. Together we have already seen God do the most amazing things in and through our ministry in Kenya. As we move forward into Tanzania, I hope you can help us to be as successful as we have been over the past 25 years. Our dream is to be able to write in a future newsletter that the Maasai of Tanzania have gone from being an “unreached” people to a people who are on fire for God and a people that we can eventually turn the Tanzania ministry over to, just as we have been able to do in Kenya. Tanzania is heavily Muslim and it is imperative that we waste no time in taking the truth of the Gospel of Christ to the people there while the country is still open to missionaries. Will you please help us?

I pray that God gives a year of great blessing to you and your family. As always, we continue to pray for our supporters and ask that you will continue to pray for our ministry as we go into this new work in Tanzania. We are so pleased and excited to be able to partner with God as we follow his leading.

In Christ,

Jason Throop



In the pictures above, you will see land that has been donated to CMO while my dad and Matt Austin were in Kenya. Ground has been broken on this land for a new church. There are also plans to build an office for the ministry in Kenya. Right now, there is land being given to CMO for a church outside of Sultan Hamud. God is faithful to His workers.