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Dear Friend,

Already, we have seen the mindset of some commercial entrepreneurs and merchant corporations. Have you received enticing mail for this upcoming Christmas season? Stay tuned!

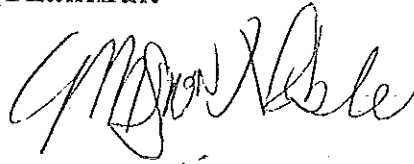
It is impossible for believers in Christ Jesus, to anticipate the latter weeks of December without first reflecting upon the upcoming Season of Thanksgiving. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever (Psalm 136:1). Most assuredly this covers every season, month, week and day of our journey during the year.

We reflect upon another Bible verse. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God concerning you (I Thes 5:18). The blessings of our Lord, and the vicissitudes in your life, may cause a believer to renege on the "in"! What do you do! During this season of Thanksgiving, we encourage the saints to be Thankful throughout the year.

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Your contributions - letters, kind words, gifts, etc. - with the help of our Lord Jesus, causes our gospel ministry to move forward in good times and in challenging times! You are a source of encouragement to us.

Yes, we are Thankful!



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Missions From America to East Africa.

Surprisingly, fellowship began in November 2003. Several indigenous Christian leaders from Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya, East Africa met with about six of our MARGM team at a hotel in Kakamega. Our return trip of two hours- highway and byway- travel via van was audacious. Presiding Bishop Andrew Wafula Wonyonyi, the driver and our U.S. team of six leaders agreed to spend one day in Bungoma/Webuye. However, due to various unexpected highway issues, severe weather and van break-downs, the visit to Bungoma was limited to a half day (evening).

Originally, this current (2015) international series of meetings were proposed by our late India MARGM Representative, Overseer Samuel J. Kadari (1948-2015). Previously, he and later he and his wife resided briefly at our MARGM Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Years later, Bishop Wafula also resided at headquarters. **Our arrival at Kisumu International Airport on Tuesday morning (June 23) was a delightful but short (50 minutes) from Nairobi.** We flew past Lake Victoria, the largest lake on the continent. Shortly after our arrival, Bishop Wafula and his assistant provided ground transportation (two hours) to Bungoma. We then enjoyed a late morning lunch at a nearby hotel restaurant.

Proceeding to the assigned hotel, we discovered a lack of fulfilling accommodations. With Bishop Wafula leading, we reviewed (on-site) several additional hotels. Finally, following several hours of searching for necessary accommodations (it's getting late in the afternoon), we agreed with Bishop Wafula to register at the Sky View Hotel (motel) in the community of Kanduyi, Bungoma. A period of check-in, unpacking and limited rest followed. Meanwhile, worship services at the conference/camp grounds were in progress.

Only two rooms were necessary because six (6) MARGM Team workers had reversed their decisions to travel from the U.S.A. to Kenya. Their decisions were greatly influenced by the many murders that were committed at Garissa University in Nairobi during April 2015. International news media widely reported that 147 students

were killed in cold blood by militants. It had been announced previously that our MARGM Team would spend about one half day in Nairobi. However, the Elder Shiren Noble announced, "I'm going!"

Our brief period of rest at the Sky View ended. The anticipated fellowship gathering of many saints from five (5) countries was in full jubilation! Guest from America were received on a neatly, groomed tundra of grass, on a campground with three (3) tents. **Joy was exuding from persons to persons throughout the three tents assembly.** Dr. Noble briefly shared words of greetings, followed by Elder Shiren Noble.

Dr. Noble returned to the unique portable pulpit to speak a brief message. The acre campground actually included the home of residents, Brother Edwin O. and Sister (Mrs.) Carol Osore. They provided much daily hospitality for everyone, for the entire week. The site included not only three tents provided by the sponsoring reformation, New Covenant Assembly but also four free standing, brick buildings.

Daily assembly times were 10:15a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday (Saturday was a half day). The tents- main tent, praise choir and musicians tent, and special guests tent- were positioned strategically in a half circle about the mobile pulpit. Nearly forty bishops, overseers, pastors, and evangelists were in daily attendance, in addition to other participating adults and youth. Delegates present were from six countries: Uganda, DRC Congo; South Sudan; Kenya; Rwanda, and of course America.

Attendance included several hundred delegates.

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Sessions were fully attended. The dominant 10:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. sessions were led by our MARGM facilitators. Biblical seminars and practicums were the daily modules. Dr. M. Noble facilitated the joint, morning meetings. Afternoon sessions were divided at the directions of Bishop Wafula: brothers remained in the main tent. Women conferees assembled in the Osore's main house, led by Elder S. Noble. The women outgrew the house and subsequently, the women moved outside on the tundra. The 6:00 p.m. tent sessions included preaching by clergy from various countries.

Seminars were taught from biblical principles, including syllabi originated from each facilitator. Many topics were included, such as "Your Christian World View", "Do You Have a Television?", "Leaders and Leadership", "Faith...", "Write Your Vision", "Office of International Communications", "Publish Your Testimony", "Know God's Will For Your Life", "The Beatitudes", "Spiritual Vitamins", etc. Literature published by the Middle Atlantic Regional Press (MAR Press) was distributed and discussed. Attentive delegates expressed joy and approval because of the unique teaching methods, audience engagement and applied biblical context and content.

Four New Covenant Assembly (NCA) translators were engaged during our ministry. They were Bishop David Brown, Bishop Caleb O. Wafula, Sister Evelyn Kubenbe, and Bishop Mathias Wanjala. Such became necessary because we spoke through three languages. There were others who briefly assisted during various occasions. On Wednesday afternoon we met the designer/creator of the conference advertising banner. Bishop

Mathias Wanjala had made the banner at his entrepreneurial shop in Bungoma. About 19 feet by 3 ½ feet, the banner was strung high on poles at the entrance to the convocation grounds. It was highly visible, posted on the shoulder of the highway leading to Uganda. The red and black banner, detailed in large block letters on white background is currently on display in the *Africa Room*, at our International Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Within an hour, while we were attempting to rest between sessions, we were approached by a mother with her young son. She requested that we pray for healing for her sick child. We complied with her request. We prayed to Jesus Christ for healing of the youth. We saw no immediate change. However, shortly thereafter the mother sent a message to us, informing us that the boy was doing much better; He believed that he was healed!

Thursday was a continuing occasion for jubilation. The women were assembled on the tundra and second house for their seminars. Conference terminology had been replaced with 'Convocation'. Visiting clergy from various reformations were in attendance. Daily, new challenges of high's and sometimes low's were ever before the worshippers. During the 6:00 p.m. joint tent session, a Sudanese Pastor, William A. Ateng was called upon to preach. As clouds began to overtake the atmosphere, he began to speak about the journey on foot, walking to the holy convocation.

Seven delegates began walking to the conference, seven days prior to its opening. They hoped to arrive during the opening day. However, as the group crossed the South Sudan-Kenya border, two... See MISSION, p.3

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persons of the traveling party became very ill. Of the husband and wife, one required immediate hospitalization. The pair never arrived at their convocation! With fervor, the Sudanese Pastor pleaded with attentive delegates, "Please, do not forget South Sudan!" He continued his riveting testimony for about twenty minutes.

During an evangelism outreach in South Sudan, he was called upon to preach to more than fifty locals, in an open space. Upon his reflection on that incident, suddenly he paused and said, "I could not preach", at that time. Our audience wondered; did he unexpectedly become ill? Did darkness suddenly overtake the outdoor crowd? Were there unexpected shootings/killings? Delegates yearned for answers. He paused but earnestly continued, "I could not preach!" Various people groups had gathered to hear the preached word of Jesus Christ. He observed, however, that several local Sudanese came not wearing clothes. The eager attendees were using their hands- as best as they could- to cover their nude, private parts. They had no clothes to wear! "I could not preach", lamented Pastor W. A. Ateng. Several delegates openly wept as he concluded. Our MARGM team was able to provide immediate but very limited funding for food, for NCA believers in South Sudan.

The convocation Praise Choir and musicians- 25 to 30 persons- enthusiastically performed music: mornings, afternoons, and evenings (break times included). **This performing NCA group was on fire for the Lord!** Sure words of prophecy were spoken by Dr. Noble to Sister Jemimah K. Munyole, a leader of the group. We later learned that she was a daughter of Senior Bishop Amos Munyole, board of director's chairman, NCA.

Everyone enjoyed daily hospitality at the on-site (convocation) residence of Brother Edwin O. and his wife, Sister Carol Osore. Occasionally, MARGM personnel declined the tea servings. During a period when MARGM exhausted its supply of seminars syllabi and MAR Newsletters, Brother Osore volunteered to reproduce copies on his personal copier. He did well.

Photographs. Pictures. Film images. Where would MARGM be without such for our library patrons, archives documentation and album displays? Regretfully, we discovered that of the two cameras in our luggage, one camera was inoperable. A local, Kenyan assistant pastor, Elder David Muhindi was volunteered as the photographer. During several days he took candid, still and select photographs, using the camera of Elder S. Noble. Elder David Muhindi became our MARGM photographer.

Each day was filled with bright sun light. Dark clouds filled the skies each evening as torrents of rain often quickly descended then vanished.

Illuminating light bulbs in the tents oftentimes were very dim. Several evening sessions were shortened due to unexpected rain showers or storms. Yet, New Covenant Assembly delegates and visitors celebrated in worship, without ceasing!

Presiding Bishop Andrew Wafula Wonyonyi was present daily. However, due to occasional business issues, it was necessary for him to attend and to adjudicate; he missed a couple of sessions. One such occasion was on Friday afternoon when he returned to the convocation with a bag full of shillings! **Our MARGM faith partners in the U.S.A. had provided \$3,500.00 USD for this foreign missions development.** Money had been wired to Kenya about ten days prior to our arrival. Such had been done to facilitate international transfer. Many saints rejoiced when the announcement was publicly stated to the delegates during that afternoon session. Funds were publicly allocated for the purchase of a milk cow for the orphans (70,000 shillings). An amount of \$500 USD was spoken for food, to feed the attending convocation delegates. The announcement was continued: additional primary designations included money for the orphanage and school, and to a lesser degree, assistance to local parishes. Other designations were to be made known during the following week.

A second procedural change was announced on Friday afternoon. Both men and women were to unite into one session. Elder S. Noble was designated the facilitator of that seminar in the big tent.

Our Lord awakened us early on the morning of Sunday, June 28th. A two hour drive from Bungoma to Kitale, our traveling party included two passenger cars and a motorcycle of two persons. After we waited at a public market zone for about thirty minutes, another car full of saints from the local congregation met us at the transition intersection. We were surprised to be informed that we were only about three blocks from the destination.

As our small caravan drove to the main entrance gate, the all-male Medium Prison armed guards stood at the ready. After completing preliminaries, we were escorted to the screening area just prior to our entrance into the worship service area. Courtyard? From our American experiences since 1971, we expected to see an auditorium or chapel or special ministry hall. Courtyard? Yes, our ministry group of about a dozen clerics was escorted into an open courtyard. Our counting ceased after numbering 190 inmates which were more than half of the number of inmates present. Dr. Noble preached the morning gospel message and subsequently made an open salvation appeal. **About thirty (30) men stood to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior!** Bishop Wafula was summoned to continue the prayer forward. Prior to concluding the worship service, Dr. Noble called for.... See MISSION, p.4

Potpourri Accents

Sister Mona L. Gaffey is the first female returning citizen to pledge her service to our MARGM Returning Citizens Reunion. She has volunteered to be a liaison and project participant for our annual public community give-back, to become operational in late 2015.

Sister Dolores Fowler visited our scheduled Reunion meeting on July 26, 2015. A first time guest: She pledged to visit again. She did so, August 29.

Deacon George E. Gantt has volunteered to be our on-call headquarters property agent. He first served in June 2015. His expertise is invaluable.

Sister Susan Kadari, eldest daughter of our late MARGM India Representative, Overseer Samuel J. Kadari (1948-2015), is in America securing pledges of support for Global Gospel Ministries continuing development. She visited our headquarters for several hours in July. Accompanying her was Missionary Wanda Russell.

Missionary Marjorie Weaver, MARGM member has initiated plans to visit Malawi, Africa during 2016. Additional details will be available in the Fall 2015.

Dr. E. Myron Noble, MARGM President has been informed via an official memo from the District of Columbia Department of Corrections- Chaplain's Office... that his proposal for water baptisms for qualified candidates was accepted and developed. The initial ritual was authorized for August 2015, in the D.C. Jail. It convened, August 23rd.

Presiding Bishop Andrew Wafula Wonyonyi is in the United States on his gospel ministry tour. He was the recent host and co-sponsor of our MARGM evangelistic meeting in East Africa during June-July 2015. Currently, he is residing at the MARGM headquarters. Contact him immediately, in the U.S.; 719-663-1270 or 202-265-4603.

We personally thank our faith partners, prayer supporters and friends for your sustaining support during our international mission to East Africa. Without you placing our cause before Christ Jesus, we would not have been successful.

Sister Marguerite L. Chisley telephoned MARGM on August 12, 2015. She was excited to report that she had completed her poetry manuscript during the previous week. She desires for MAR Press to publish the volume.

The Returning Citizens Reunion and friends meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2015, 4:00p.m. at our headquarters.

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..persons who desired to rededicate their lives to Jesus Christ. An additional 20 brothers stood for the dedication prayer! After glow. MARGM learned that many years past, NCA led worship at the facility. The local NCA cleric, Pastor Mildred Wekesa of Mitume Kitale Church and Bishop Wafula pledged to restart the regular NCA services prior to the close of Fall 2015. Praise the Lord! Bishop David Brown continued his expert preaching translation, invoking reverence from inmates and attending guards.

Since our initial foreign missions foray (1968) into Holland, The Netherlands, we have requested the overseas sponsors to legally arrange for an on-site, prison ministry worship service. Difficulties always arise. However, this was the first time-ever- that the petition was successfully answered and granted! Subsequent to our prison ministry, we visited the host NCA church in Mitume, Kenya, Pastor Mildred Wekesa, Leader. Although our arrival was prior to their scheduled worship service, congregants were present and Pastor M. Wekesa gave gifts to MARGM team members. Our travels continued. We then visited the NCA parish in Kibomet, Kenya. During the morning worship, Bishop Wafula, requested that Dr. Noble preach the morning message. The full capacity congregation in addition to the traveling saints accompanying MARGM was jubilant throughout the worship experience. Following the introduction of many leaders who spoke remarks, Elder S. Noble shared timely greetings.

The sermon topic preached by Dr. M. Noble was "Are You On The Right Side?" Immediately following the sermon, the messenger called for believers who desired to have their prayer requests aligned on the right side of Jesus' words, to walk forward for personal alignment prayer. About fifteen worshippers were individually prayed for at that time. "Dr. Noble gave a very powerful sermon," Bishop Wafula commented. MARGM team members then were presented gifts by the regional Overseer J. Kenei. We then traveled to downtown Kitale, where we were treated to a late lunch/ early dinner. Mother Kathleen Wafula, wife of Bishop Wafula, and her guest, Sister Evelyn Kubenbe accompanied MARGM members who were dinner guest. Our return travel to Bungoma was peaceful.

On Monday, the ride was very bumpy. We arrived safely at our destination. As we were driven through the sign descriptive entrance gate to the campus center, MARGM members were greeted by very enthusiastic students (orphans in residence), faculty members, several administrators, and campus workers. A small group of high school students had returned to the campus for the special activities. As we exited the auto, the assembly jubilantly applauded us! Welcome ceremony. After the entire assembly was called to attention (military style) by a leading student, the flag of Kenya was raised, saluted, and acknowledged. The flag pole, centered on a raised, permanent dial was on the front... See MISSION, p.5