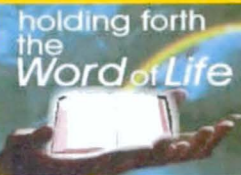


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**Equipping The 21st Century Leader for Godly Instructions
A Time Of Planning To Live In The Midst Of Death" (II Kings 7:3-10)**

By Apostle L.A. Anderson, Sr. Pastor

Rhema Outreach Community Worship Center, Chicago Il

" "And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, why sit we here until we die?" A Question concerning life that every person must answer for themselves. What do your Plans involve for you to live or die? Why Sit Here Until We Die? In today's lesson there are several things I see in Planning for the future--the Lack of Planning, no Planning, little Planning, insufficient Planning, planning to fail, not Planning the cost of the journey or trip call life. Which brings me to this article of "A Time Of Planning To Live In the Midst of Death"

This story illustrates the use of information and planning in the life of these four lepers who was in the midst of dying when life was spoken into their being. There was a plan to visit the enemies camp for food, and they reasoned that if the Syrians kill them they were dead already as lepers, but if they let them live then they would have food to eat before they die. In today's world we have many lepers, that is sinners who need to find a place in their hearts to accept the Lord Jesus as Savior. After accepting the Lord as Savior they need to be healed of the past and present hurts by moving in the right direction which may not always be the city that is shut up from the enemy's attack or famine. We need to make a decision to allow the spirit of God to take us in the directions of the enemies camp where miracles are taking place. As with the Lepers, a direction where God had destroyed the enemy's attack plans and caused them to hear the sound of an incoming army and flee right at the time the lepers made up their minds to live and not die. I encourage the readers today to live in spite of their problems, troubles or trials. Move forward and let God work a miracle for you that will bring not only life but power to go beyond today's bread for the future word of God. Remember after the lepers found food, gold, silver and other precious things, they shared it with the city who had no hope. In the end, regardless of the trails, we must plan to follow after the heart of God. Present Jesus to the sin curse world and allow him to heal the lepers of today and give them food for both the inner man and the outer man. *****

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FROM GOD'S SERVANT

Holiday Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ,

Go Ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Teaching** them to observe **all things** whatsoever **I have commanded you**, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:19-20).

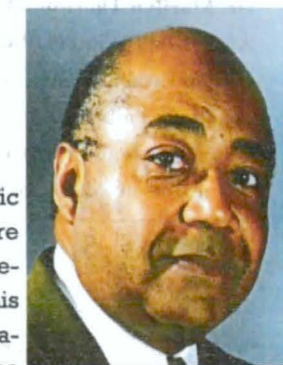
Heritage International Ministries answered the Lord's charge to "Go evangelize and teach". This year we were blessed to complete two mission trips—in March and October to Western Kenya, East Africa. In March, we traveled with a team of eight from Louisiana, Chicago, New Jersey and Mississippi both preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus— hundreds of souls gave their lives to Christ. This trip was to continue laying the foundation for a medical ministry and teach Pastors, Evangelist and Ministers. Our return trip in October was, however, quite different from the first. Although fewer in number, our team of three was equipped by God with "power to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19 (continued on pages 4 & 5)



Marilyn Thornton, Esq.
Apostolic Overseer

An Apostolic Viewpoint

By Apostle Elmo Winters, H.I.M. Board of Director



While watching the national news recently I saw the story of the horrific situation of the people of Sudan. There were pictures of many who were starving, sick and dying in a refugee camp, but there weren't much presented in this piece of what was being done to save these people! This reminds me of the church. Too often we focus on the problems, the situations and how bad things are in the world. Rarely do we put that same level of effort in making a difference in the world! This is why I am so thankful that God is raising up people and ministries like HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (H.I.M.). The time for talking and planning is over. **WE MUST DO WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO NOW!** People are dying in record numbers, many without hearing the saving Gospel of Jesus! And that is not just the case in Africa; it is true right here on our home soil. H.I.M. is a Godsend to change the lives of many in the world, especially those in the African countries of Kenya, Uganda and others that so desperately need the Gospel. I thank God that we at H.I.M. are doing our part to evangelize the world. This is so evident from the result of our recent crusade to Kenya. The reports continue to come in regarding the harvest in Africa. Many continue to come to Christ. Churches are forming all over and the work that God started in October is steadily going on. We praise God for ALL who have joined with us in this most important endeavor, **REACHING THE LOST FOR CHRIST!** There is not enough words to do justice in describing the hunger of the people in Kenya for the Gospel of Jesus! One would have to simply go to witness it. How thrilling the future is for the Kingdom!

**Schedule of Events
2005**

- Pastors/Partners Meeting: January
- Presentations to Churches (upon request) Monthly
- Missions & Evangelism Training Conference: March
- Board of Directors Annual Mtg. March
- Seed Time Gala: March
- Missions Trip to Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda: May
- Pastors/Partners Meeting: July
- Missions Trip to East Africa: October
- Holiday Fellowship: December

Medical Missions: A Model To Reach the Sick

Imagine you are in need of medical treatment and the closest place to be treated is not only many miles away (of which you must walk), but once you arrive others were already in line to be treated and there was only one bed in the clinic. Then you find the clinic is no bigger than your average 8x10 sq. ft. kitchen that has been divided to accommodate a desk for the doctor, a exam table and space for three in the waiting area. This is what we saw in Suna, Migori. The nearest hospital was about a 30 minutes drive but transportation was not readily available. The population was thousands in this rural community; overwhelming for such a small clinic (to say the least). The medicine in the pharmacy was a mere handful of bottles. Thanks to the New Orleans Medical Foundation contribution and commitment to help collect medicine to send to Africa through H.I.M., we were able to bring a supply of needed medicine. Our challenge is to do enough to make a difference. We are now working on acquiring medicine direct from pharmaceutical companies. God has given us favor with physicians who are willing to help with this effort. Pray with us that God will move on the hearts of some physicians and nurses who will travel with us to render treatment to the people in these rural areas. While we were in one of the cities, we met a medical team of physicians, nurses and medical interns from Ohio. They were on their way to Tanzania. Praise the Lord God sent laborers!



Signage for Christ Heritage Community Clinic with physician, nurse, Pastors and H.I.M. team

EVERYONE CAN HELP. If you are able to help purchase over the counter (asprin, advil, etc.) medicine, medical supplies or wish to help fund building a clinic, please send your contributions designating your support towards H.I.M. Medical Missions. If you know of hospitals or even private physicians that will donate equipment or supplies let us know so we can contact them.

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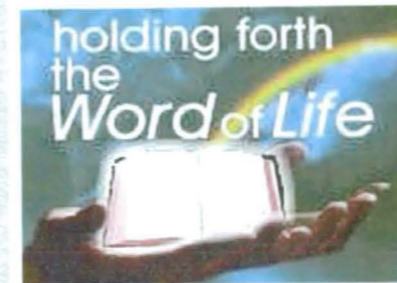
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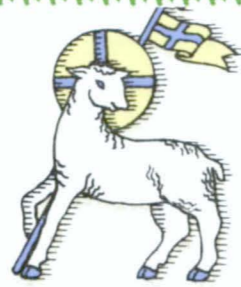


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"FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION"

Don't miss your opportunity to learn what evangelism is and is not, who is and is not an evangelist, what foreign missionary work means in the 21st century, how to deal with cultural shock, how to adjust to third-world cultures, how you can get involved whether you go or not, how to evangelize in third-world countries, preparing for spiritual warfare, being a laborer in Christ's vineyard, and much more. Dynamic national and international speakers. This conference is only for those Pastors, Missionaries, Evangelist and other Christians who want to know more and do more for the kingdom in fulfilling the Great Commission. Plan to join with us and discover what God has anointed you to do.

Location and registration details to be announced in January. For more information and to pre-register contact the H.I.M. office by calling 225-292-4274.



A special Christmas note

*I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book,
And every year at Christmas time, I go and take a look.
And that is when I realize that these names are but a part,
For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path at sometime,
And in that meeting they've become the "rhythm of the rhyme."
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name.*

*And while you may not be aware of any special link,
Just meeting you have shaped my life more than you can think.
For once you've met somebody, time cannot erase,
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face,*

*So don't think my Christmas note is just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas card or note that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on the list of folks that I'm indebted to.*

*For you're a part of the total of many folks I've met,
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.
And whether I have known you for many years or few,
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.*

*Every year when Christmas comes I realize anew,
The biggest gift that life can give is meeting someone like you.*

Anonymous

*In this season we show our love and appreciation for family, friends, co-laborers, supporters and the family of Christ throughout the world. But most of all we show our love for Christ Jesus the **LAMB OF GOD** born into this world to bring salvation to a dying and lost people. We express our love and thanksgiving to Christ, without whom we would be forever lost in our sins. Now we wait for His return that we may live with Him in glory. Our wait is not to be idle or id of action. The Lord gave us a charge while we wait—"Go ye to all the world and preach the gospel..." be not just ears of the word but doers, and pray unceasingly. We encourage you to support the work of the Kingdom with your time, talent, finances and prayers. Please don't forget Heritage as God touches your heart to give unto His work. For your readiness and support, may God richly bless you in this coming year of grace (2005) for your obedience to His word!*

*Marilyn Thornton, Apostolic Overseer
Heritage International Ministries*

Letters From Africa

Dearest Apostle Marilyn,

Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you, other servants of the Lord and the entire establishment of H.I.M, beloved sister. Just as you reminded me to be very strong and support my husband in this great work, truly, I stand with him as lost souls are reached. Just as the bible implies that behind any successful men, there must be a wise women. I want to thank God for the great privilege He has given unto us to serve Him through our partnership with Heritage International Ministries (H.I.M). We shall continue communicating; and it is my prayer that you keep us informed concerning your needs in regards to your trip back to Kenya. **Prayer Requests:** Pray for more evangelism within the body and that God's heart of love for the lost would increase and transform our lifestyles. Pray as we continue to grow that we will keep a watch on the pillar of flame by night and the cloud by day as we follow the route He desires us to follow. Pray that Africa will be impacted for Jesus through HIM and CHIM. Pray that our passion for the lost will be expressed in the prayerful extending of grace to the needy. May the mercy and love of God be with you. Additionally, regards to our fellow servants and ministers to the Lord Apostle Elmo Winters, and Prophet Anderson.

Your Dear Sister and Fellow Servant of the Lord, **Pastor Alice & Pastor Godfrey**

Apostle Marilyn:

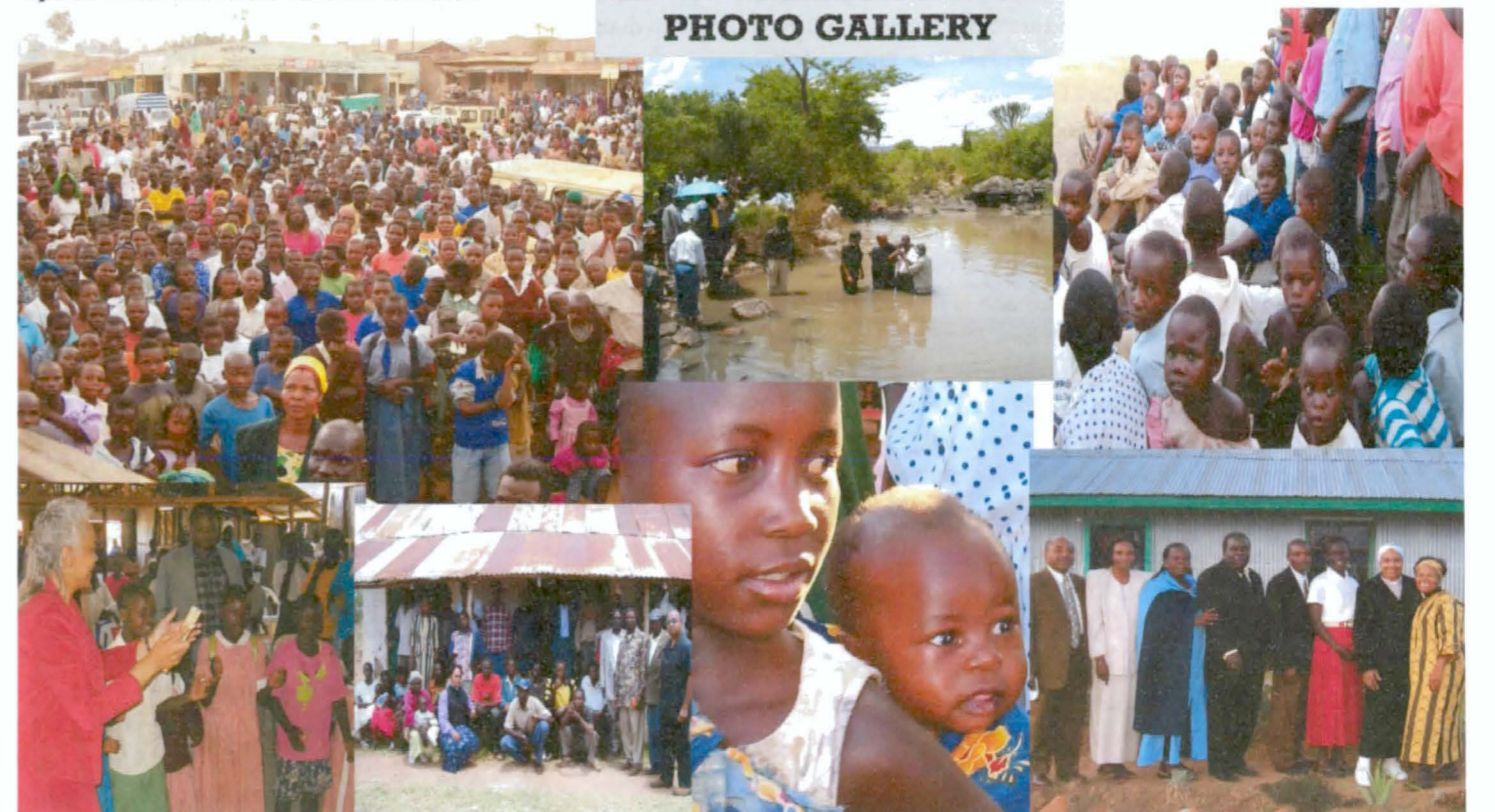
Receive warm greetings in the precious and mighty name of our risen Lord and saviours. Our gracious Lord has been loving to us and many have been drawn to the churches as the ministry continue to grow numerically, geographically and spiritually. God wants Christians to work together, stand together and pray together as He builds His church through small groups of believers in schools, homes, estates, places of work and come to be trained in the word of God week after week. It's our sincere prayer that God touches our dear brothers to stand with us in church building and sponsorship of nursery schools in each church. I humbly register my appreciation for the work of God and dedication that you had and the team spirit, unity and humility that made it possible for the spirit of God to minister in all the sessions that we had resulting in mighty breakthrough. Let Jesus be Lord to you, your family, the body of Christ in America and CHIM, Amen **Pastor Zachary**

Dear Apostle Marilyn,

It was a blessing for you to have been able to Minister God's word in our church and got acquainted with Bethesda Ministries. We cannot take it for granted on this issue where the devil tried to fight and cause lots of inconveniences but through God's guidance and faith in the knowledge of God you were able to resist him and he left you alone. We actually like your ministries in Bungoma and Webuye and personal acquaintance as well. Lastly, I am taking this opportunity to thank Heritage Ministries for the seed planted in our Ministry. God bless and receive more because every seed planted shall produce its own kind.. I wanted to report to you that following your ministering in Bungoma, there were people who were delivered and ten received healing miracles. My office received testimonies of financial breakthroughs and one couple who received their financial miracle. They were so happy after your prayers. Pastors Mathew and Jane of Webuye church have reported tome that their church has received a big breakthrough in membership. He told me that a group of other people God told them to come and submit under their leadership. They said thank you Apostle Julius for bringing to us Apostle Marilyn and Apostle Winters and Ev. Nattlie to our Church. We love you and God bless you big.

Apostle Julius and Pastor Christine Macheusi

PHOTO GALLERY



From God's Servant (continued)

We all acknowledged the heightened level of spiritual warfare we encountered as we traveled from the border of Tanzania through Western Kenya to the border of Uganda, stopping in several places to preach, teach and touch the lives of the people. The Holy Ghost led us to go and pray for the lost souls that lived on this particular mountain. We learned that this was a religious stronghold, where the leader proclaiming to be Jesus, led his followers to believe that after death he would rise again. We were told that since his death, people have come from all over the world at a specific time to witness his resurrection from the grave where he was buried on this mountain. After we prayed at the gates of the compound, we were told that several of the followers later came off that mountain and gave their life to Christ. We are still getting reports of others who gave their lives to Christ. What a great testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit. Upon arrival in the last place God sent us to pray, preach and teach, we heard the drums, perhaps sending the message that we had arrived. We were told that it came from one of the "traditional" religious groups. The challenges were great, but the power of the Lord was greater! Many souls were saved, people were healed and delivered from bondage. The testimonies are still coming in—**Glory to God!**

Through the gracious contributions of our supporters, we were able to be a blessing to the local churches, pastors, and people. The medicine and medical supplies contributed by the New Orleans Medical Foundation and Rhema Christian Church in Chicago were well received. We also brought a few Bibles to distribute but the need for more Bibles was tremendous; not just for the people but more critically for the ministers of the Gospel.

We not only taught the Pastors in three-day Institutes, but we also baptized many and ordained Pastors, Evangelist, and Deacons. The experience of walking several miles through the country side to the river to baptize new converts, was one to remember. The locals were talking among themselves about whether we (Americans) would be able to endure the walk. But to God be the Glory, we endured as strong soldiers in the Lord. Yet another day we went deeper into the bush and mountain areas to reach more people. I'm sure we traveled over 10 miles by car, 5 miles by truck, then 3 miles by foot. There was a small church to reach thousands that lived in that region. The Pastors and Evangelist would travel by foot or bicycle (if available) every week to minister and evangelize. God was allowing us to see the true work of ministry and to experience His word, when Jesus spoke to the disciples saying, "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, he would send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 10:2)

The most touching experience for me was to see so many children and babies taking care of themselves and each other. The pandemic of AIDS was quite evident with many dying and the overwhelming number of orphans. I saw these little girls, five, six and seven years of age with babies tied to their backs. I saw young boys taking care of even younger children—their siblings. They seem to come faithfully each day to the crusades, the same ones and stay the entire service. I did not see them eat or the babies cry. There was so much hopelessness on their faces and the faces of the people, my spirit was grieved. As I asked God what would you have me preach to these your people, my African sisters and brothers. The Lord answered, tell them "I love them". "Tell them how much I love them, that I sent my son to take away their sins that they may have life eternal". "Tell them how Jesus died, why he died and his resurrection. Tell them about my saving grace which I offer to them now. Tell them I have not forgotten about them but I found the three of you who were willing to sacrifice leaving your land, homes and families, risk their lives just to deliver my message-- to tell them how much I love them".

So everywhere we went, we delivered the **Good News**. By the time we were ready to leave and the Gospel had gone forth for three days, I saw their countenance change. Their hope was restored. Their lives were given to Christ!

We spent about a month on this trip. **God sent us to a special mountain to pray** for the pulling down of strongholds that existed against our people both in Africa and America. God sent a 100 years old woman that guided us and cleared the area around the place where we were to pray. Three days we spent on that mountain in prayer before God; seeking His face. His presence was there!



Prayer time on the mountainside.

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God brought us to the root of the stronghold. We offered to the Lord all the prayer requests that were given to us in the States. We are continuing to receive praise reports as to how God has answered those requests. Hallelujah!

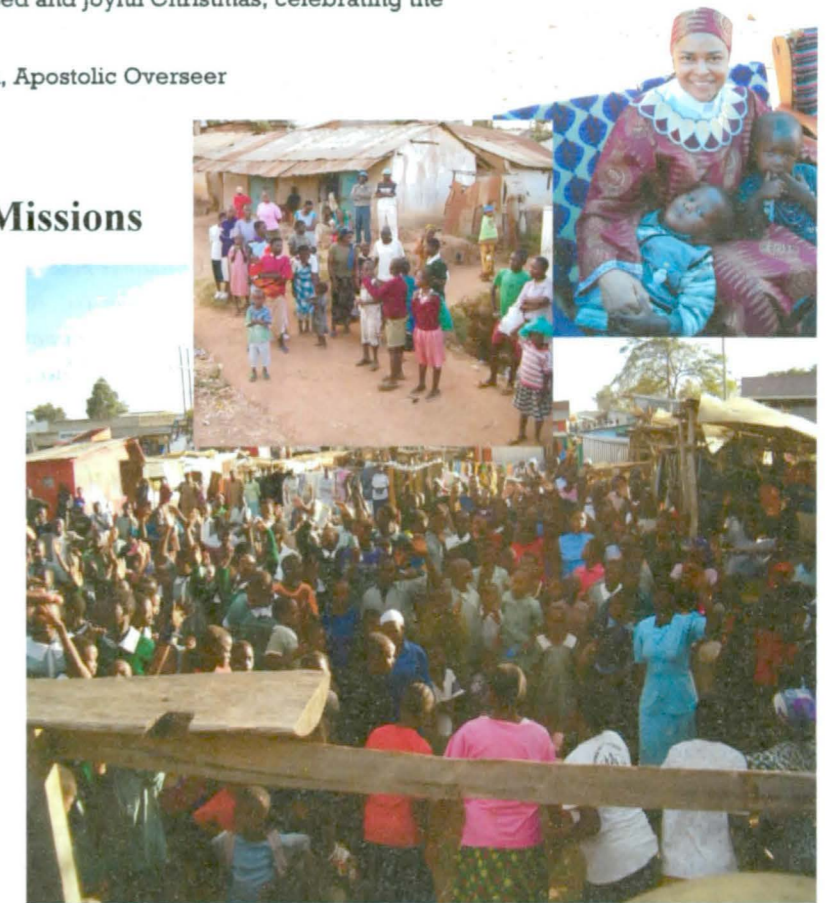
Our work has only just begun. There are still so many souls to reach for Christ and poor to help. We are planning to return in 2005 and continue providing medical supplies, bibles, and support for the pastors we know are doing a good work. We have plans drawn for a medical clinic and a location to establish the bible college. God gave us favor in many places and we pray that we continue to receive favor even with our supporters. **We need your help.**

In this season of honoring and remembering the birth of Christ, what better time to not only be hearers of his word but doers by supporting the work of this Ministry and others that are laboring in the Lord's vineyard. Although we answered the call to Go ye, we could not have gone had it not been for the kindness of the hearts of many who said we can't go but we can support you and others who can. We thank all who contributed in some way (time, talent and finances) to support the work of this ministry. May God richly bless you. May God multiply your seeds sown into this ministry. May God continue to touch your hearts to support H.I.M. (Heritage International Ministry)!!!! Have a blessed and joyful Christmas; celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour!

Dr. Marilyn Thornton, Apostolic Overseer

Bibles & Books Donation for Heritage International School of Missions

One of the objectives of Heritage International Ministries is to establish a Bible School in Kenya to train the many pastors and other leaders who lack the necessary tools to lead the people of God! Each time we go to this East African region we witness the dire need of the churches to have such a school. Although we are still in the planning stages of the H.I.M. Bible Institute the urgency is mounting regarding this endeavor. This is evident from a recent email from one of the pastors in Kenya, "Apostle Winters I am conceived in my heart with such a great desire to have the bible school started in Migori, I am for it so much just like a mother with a child in labor who is ready to bring for the child with the nurse in charge to instruct her. This is my deepest need which drives me to the deepest belief on what God is just about to do." The time is at hand for us to do what we know God has called us to do. We can no longer procrastinate, but must go forward. I ask you to pray with us we continue to develop this initiative. That means much has yet to be done to bring this to pass. **WOULD YOU CONSIDER HOW YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST US IN THIS ENDEAVOR? IS GOD TUGGING ON YOUR HEART TO GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING A PASTORS TRAINING PROGRAM IN KENYA? OR PERHAPS YOU CAN COLLECT BIBLES TO SEND? What is God saying to you?**



Crusade at the border of Tanzania and Kenya.

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