

Sunday August 31st 2014
Word of the Kingdom Conference
Kenya

1). Ps 37:23 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.*

a). It is exactly 14 years ago this month that I met Pastor George at the Billy Graham, 'Amsterdam 2000' Conference, and 13 years ago that Ann and I, with Lauren made our first trip to Kenya, to the 'Church' in Nyahururu, the very same place that was the first stop on our trip this year, where, in 2001, we made beginnings on teaching the Book of Ruth.

b). And so much has happened in the last 14 years with respect to the Word of the Kingdom and the Kenya connection, that we realize that it is only God who could make such things possible - Pr 16:9 ¶ *A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.*

c). Ann and I returned to Kenya from Cayman Brac in 2003 when George was leaving Nyahururu to go to Mombasa where the teaching then encompassed 'Going on to Perfection' [Hebrews Chapter 6], 'The Son of the Bondwoman', 'Walking in the Light' and continuing in Ruth. On this trip we taught in Nyahururu, Nakuru and Eldoret – and there are of course now Kingdom believers in each of these locations.

d). At the end of 2003 George and Monica came to the Brac and we began teaching them in earnest about the Word of the Kingdom.

e). In 2004 a certain man and his wife came to the Brac from Naperville – this being the first time we had met John and Cindy and it was in this same year that we had gone to a conference organized by John and Cindy in Naperville where we met Arlen Chitwood for the first time and also met a man and his wife who had come from Jacksonville, who had asked the question, 'Would you consider coming to Jacksonville?' – Don and Jane.

f). In 2005 we came and you will be aware of what happened in the first few weeks that resulted in us being at this particular location.

g). And I think we must see the interweaving of God's plan for His Word here with us all with His plan for His Word in Kenya as it is through your support and His financial provision through you that we were able to embark

on a series of large conferences, preaching the Word of the Kingdom more widely than we could have imagined - Php 1:3 ¶ *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 ¶ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.*

h). In 2006 we taught, 'The Full Scope of Salvation' in both Nyahururu and Mombasa.

i). In 2007 we taught, 'The Picture of Marriage' again in Nyahururu and Mombasa and it was in Mombasa that we first met a man who had a significant role in George's marriage to Monica, a man who was one of the assistant Pastors in the 'Church' in Nakuru which we had taught at in 2003, who was ready to quit on the ministry because the Word appeared so disjointed – a man called Maina Waiganjo.

j). In 2009 we returned to teach the Matthew 13 Parables in Mombasa and Nakuru and it was at this time that we first met Dennis and Martin along with Millicent who would become Martin's wife and a lady called Milka.

k). In 2010 we taught the picture of Marriage again in Nakuru and Mombasa and in Nakuru we again saw Dennis and Martin along with Millicent and Milka and met for the first time Moses, Cleophas and Dorcas.

l). There then came a 4 year gap where there was no travelling at all as we worked our way out of the serious issue we had to deal with within the congregation here, and it seemed that despite our best efforts the door never opened for us to return to Kenya.

m). In these 4 years George has continued to distance himself from the denomination to which he belonged. Maina and Mary were thrown out of the Church in Nakuru in front of 2000 people, including their sons.

The 'Cross and Crowns' ministry came into existence and a Word of the Kingdom 'Church' began to meet in a hotel room in Nakuru.

Martin married Millicent, Cleophas married Milka, Moses married a lady called Lucy and Dennis married Dorcas – and they had sons and daughters.

n). The 'Church' there has grown spiritually and numerically through Maina's teaching but required one last scriptural thing to be set in place – Tit 1:5 ¶ *For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—*

o). Following our own conference in February this year I took Maina and Mary through all the scriptural material that we have concerning Elders and their ministry which he then took back and began to teach to those in the Cross and Crowns congregation in Nakuru whom the Lord was raising up – 2Ti 2:2 *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

p). Those being raised up to be Elders – Martin, Dennis, Moses, Cleophas – the same ones that we had taught in 2009 and 2010 and in addition a man we had never met before, Francis, who is a professor of geography at the local government sponsored university, married to Monica.

q). All of which brings us to 2014 and our return to teach, 'By Faith' in Nyahururu and Nakuru, with 2 days of medical camp in Nyahururu and the Elders' ordination service in Nakuru.

2). Ro 1:9 *For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established-- 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*

a). And so our journey began on Sunday August 3rd with a flight from Orlando to Toronto.