



THE IRVIN FAMILY

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: UGANDA, AFRICA

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Amos 8:11-11-13 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

Grace, mercy, and peace from the Lord to you,

It seems that evil men and seducers wax worse and worse; the modern world does so with a level of eloquence that disguises reality. But, as Christians, when famines consume the land, we run to the fountain of living water for refuge. Imagine living in a drought, particularly in a place full of water that will only cause one to thirst again. Water that cannot satisfy in a land engulfed in drought, may the Lord have mercy on such desperation.

While men live in the famine of their choosing, they continue to scoff at any mention of hell. They prefer to remodel hell as some D.I.Y. project rather than humble themselves before God. The famine could end instantly, and men could enter into everlasting feasts with living waters springing up within their very souls, just not at the expense of submission to God. If there were some other way, Christ is THE way. Life is full of difficulty and sorrow, but why choose to sorrow, even as others which have no hope? This present evil world has reached unprecedented confusion; with access to God's word, how will things be when there is a famine of hearing God's word?

We press onward in our service to Christ here in Uganda with these ideas in mind. The month of March was subject to certain needed highlights. The onset of nostalgia produced by the newness of the street preaching ministry is long gone. We went from seeing five to ten people trust in Christ each week along with several visitors at church to nearly zero. In February, we had a Muslim man trust in Christ, but professions of faith have become rare. Despite these facts, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching; therefore, we happily continue each week. Despite the reduction in professions of faith, we continue to distribute nearly four-thousands tracts per month in this ministry alone. The seed is liberally sown; we will trust God for valid and everlasting increase.

The door-knocking ministry has been very profitable. Each week, someone is led to Christ through the door-knocking ministry. In early March, I had a great conversation with a man; he seemed to really grasp what he heard though he did not make a profession of faith. He promised to come to church, but he failed to follow through like most who make such promises. But, on the last Wednesday of March, I just looked out of the church door, watching the people as they passed by. I saw a familiar face; it was this very man - I called out to him, reminding him he had promised to come to church. He said he would be right back, and he did just that. It was a blessing to have him there with us.

We also received a visit from two ladies that brother Gross and I must have met months prior. We both recognize her, but we cannot remember where or how we met her. She said we invited her to church, and she was eager to come; it only took several months for her to do so. We were incredibly blessed by her being there, it served to remind us that we are to sow the seed, but we are not to go looking for results. That very Sunday, brother Gross and I went out door-knocking, and we led three people to saving faith in Jesus Christ. The culmination of it all gave us a significant boost of much-needed encouragement. We sow the good seed with hopes of a great harvest, but we are thankful for the first fruits and the gleanings.



We had a special visitor with us here in Uganda by the end of February. A close pastor friend entrusted us with his son, Christopher MacDonald. Christopher is fourteen and will be spending about three months with us here in Uganda. He was only here a week or so when the Lord brought him under strong conviction, and he called upon the name of the Lord. He spends most of his time with me: studying, teaching, and preaching the gospel. He has been faithful to do so without complaint, even accomplishing the many tasks I give him. I have high expectations of him; please pray for him as he labors to meet these challenges.

As March ended, we prepared to make our way to Kampala. My wife is nigh unto delivery of our second child. We rented a place to stay for one month in Kampala. On April 1st, we will pack up and make the long trek to our temporary abode. We will be meeting with the midwife my wife has been seeing throughout her pregnancy. The projected delivery date is April 14th, but things seem to be progressing quickly. Please pray that my wife, the baby, and the delivery will all go well, Lord willing. I hope the following letter will include an announcement regarding the birth of a healthy new member of our family.

God bless,

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