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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15*

Worthy brethren - grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father!

We often bless the Lord by rejoicing because we find his word is good. Whether it be the wonderful promises made to usward or the depths of intellectually enlightening knowledge. The wisdom from God is so vast and immense that our hearts are greatly cheered when the Lord helps us gain a glimpse of understanding. It has become natural for Christians to expect this measure of goodness and mercy from the Lord, and we are never disappointed.

How can it be that a cross, meant to cause great harm, brings us great consolation? This can only exist by the Lord's strange designs and mysterious ways. Amongst my greatest joys are the realized rewards of long and deep study in God's word. In the end, the reward from toiling by way of searching precept upon precept is an increased understanding of the mind of our God. What's more, I am allowed to shew myself approved unto God. What a blessed situation; God delivered into my hands his word, he gave me the Spirit of truth, and now through study, I continue to gain.



Study has been the theme of this month; it began with another session of the Tri-Annual Bible Institute. The topic: How To Study The Bible. The men who attended went through a one-week intensive course of study. First, they learned, in one day, a college semester's worth of English grammar. Many, if not most of the men in attendance, read and study the Bible in English; furthermore, Luganda grammar has a familiar structure to English. Secondly, brother Keith asked me to teach the men to gather helpful information and then construct biblical narratives using cross-references. Finally, brother Keith taught several lessons on using the data gathered to form a sermon outline.

This particular TBI was slightly different than our previous gatherings. Brother Keith added an important detail, the men were required to be tested on the taught material. They were no longer allowed to come and coast through the classes, half sleeping and wondering when the free lunch would be served. From this time forward, they would be required to take a test the following day on all they had learned the day prior. This new detail had a tremendous impact on the men who came. More than we have ever noticed, their fellowship was around God's word; they studied together faithfully. Many of their scores were high, some were average, and a few struggled. Overall there was a class average of 77%. We were thrilled to see them respond so well to the testing requirement; the spirit of this TBI was noticeably better, and the men were serious.

As the month progressed, we continued street preaching every Friday at the market, and we continued going door-to-door every Sunday evening. This month, I had two conversations that stood out among the rest. First was a man named Michael, he is a security guard for a local company, and he answered the gate when we came knocking. Our conversation did not last long, but he seemed immediately interested in understanding the gospel. After a brief conversation, he called upon the name of the Lord. Please pray for him as I follow up and encourage him in the Lord.

The second conversation was with a Muslim named Mohammad. He grew up amid deep confusion. His mother was a Roman Catholic, and as a child, he was required to attend Catholic education schools. As a young man, his father (Who is a Muslim) forced him to switch to Islamic Schools. Our conversation centered around the confusion that exists because of the forceful influence of religion. Mohammad was a very reasonable man, and he seemed interested in the gospel. Please pray for him as we continue to minister to him.

Finally, my brethren, my family continues to be well, praise the Lord. Kristin is as wonderful and healthy as she can be, for which I am eternally thankful. Bethany is growing in wisdom and stature; she learns quickly, loves to sing, and most importantly, loves to pray. We often stumble into a room and catch her lying on the floor with her hands clasped together, praying to the Father in heaven. It is one of the most touching sights to behold! Adrian is also doing very well; he has more than doubled his birth weight after seven weeks. He is growing unbelievably fast; Bethany, at one year and six months, weighs twenty-one pounds. Adrian, at seven weeks, weighs fourteen pounds.

Bethany loves Adrian; each morning, the first thing she wants to do is see her baby brother and give him a good-morning kiss. This is a testament to my wife's sweet disposition and interaction with our children. She is so faithful to teaching them and spending quality time with them. I am more of a beneficiary of her faithfulness; the price of a virtuous woman is far above rubies.



Starting in June, I will be organizing the translation work. In April and May, I purchased laptops and other necessary materials. The translation rules have been established, the men are in place, and after a few organizing tasks are complete, we will begin working full-time on the Luganda Bible. Our hope is to provide the Buganda people, as well as the many in Uganda who speak and read the Luganda language, with an accurate copy of God's word. Thank you so much for your prayer!

God bless,

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