

Trinity Bible Church
The Carpenter's House
 August 5, 2007

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Revenge
Romans 12:19-20

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	5 Aug	The Lord's Table.
Monday	6 Aug	Chris Hubbard leaves for Marine boot camp.
Wednesday	8 Aug	1 Corinthians 15.
Thursday	9 Aug	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Wednesday	15 Aug	1 Corinthians 15.
Thursday	16 Aug	Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Saturday	18 Aug	Constitutional Meeting
Saturday	18 Aug	Evening with Roger Oliver for Mission-minded people.
Sunday	19 Aug	Roger Oliver-CAM International (2 nd Session)
Monday	20 Aug	Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday	22 Aug	1 Corinthians.

**** Be in prayer for someone to minister in the nursery. Workers needed for the Wednesday night class.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:

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VILLAGE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
Bob Thompson, CEO
August 2007

VMI TANZANIA MISSION TRIP REPORT BY EV. RENATUS COSMAS KANUNU

MOROGORO - We had dinner with the 12 pastors committee which helped David Masalu to organize and coordinate the trainings. At our seminar we had over 112 pastors from different churches and denominations. We also had pastors from Zambia and Zanzibar. Dr. Charles Stillion and Leonard Chanler taught foundations everyday. Pastors asked many questions about events in the Bible, salvation and much more and God was available all the time to help Charles and Leonard to answer the questions. After the seminar we gave certificates and each pastor was very excited and some pastors gave comments.

One pastor said; *"I have been a Pastor for 11 years, I have not ever been at any college but after attending this seminar all my needs have been fulfilled. I knew nothing about the Bible verses but now I know the events, authors of the books, themes and purpose and even the power of the Words behind the papers and ink. May God bless Village Ministries International to see the need of the poor pastors in the villages. Now I can feed my congregations."*

Another Pastor said; *"the materials we have been receiving are so wonderful as they make clear the word of God. I would like to propose and ask the VMI to register their organization so that we will be able to go and teach our fellow pastors in the village. My self I have been encouraged and what I was expecting to receive I have receive and even more. I would like to ask VMI to register and build the training center so that it will be easy for the pastors to come and be taught these kinds of teachings as they are very important for our congregations, colleges are so expensive in Tanzania. Many ministries work in big towns but I say thank you to God because my prayers has been answered as I have been praying for God to provide any ministry which will reach pastors in the village and remote areas. May God bless Village Ministries International for their vision, which few people have. I pray that God will help this organization to be registered and work in Tanzania to help the villages and remote areas."*

TABORA - We went to see the three-acre property where we expect to build the training centre. That evening we went to the bookshops to buy Bibles for the Pastors in the villages. We met with the pastors in Tabora for dinner and to discuss about registration and building a training center in Morogoro. The pastors were very happy as are the one who proposed this idea last year. Pastors were very happy that VMI is ready to extend some help to Tanzania pastors to have sound doctrines as we have very few Bible schools and they are so expensive that 85% of Tanzania pastors and evangelists will not be able to pay for studies.

The seminar brought 195 participants from different villages, churches, towns and denominations. The hall was full of pastors and evangelists. The pastors asked many questions and Charles and Leonard answered the question such that every pastor was satisfied. After the seminar the pastors were very happy and excited of everything that was done. Then we gave certificates and at the last the pastors gave their comments to our teaching.

One said that; "I did not know what Village Ministries International is all about but now I have realized because I have received and swallowed enough food to feed my congregation. I say thank you to God to bring me here at the seminar because I have received enough. This ministry is very good and it is different, it reaches villages where other Ministries do not reach, VMI teach and equip leaders. We pray that the registration will go fast so that we can start building the school. We pray for Renatus to speed up the process so that we can attend for sound doctrine. We pastors in villages are like street starving children. May God bless Village Ministries International and enrich it with every kind blessing."

While in Tabora we went to the Lepers' colony to do relief. Leonard and Charles met lepers who are real helpless and they shared the gospel. 12 lepers accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We encouraged them and gave them our support. We supported them with coins, rice, beans and laundry soap. This community lives in a separate area. They do not have any kind of support but this time we were able to help them through the support provided by Jo Ann Case.

MWANZA - The Seminar was at Buswelu Mwanza which is a 30 minute drive outside Mwanza city. Every Pastor was so happy and blessed with the training. The Pastors asked many questions and God was available to help Charles and Leonard to answer all the questions. We had great time in Mwanza with the Pastors. Epaphra who was our host there did very good in everything he planned for us.

I thank all of you VMI, Churches, Supporters and the Board for the prayers you did from the beginning of this mission to the last. What I can say about this mission is that the field is ready for harvest but few labors. So now is the time to ask the Lord to bring many workers in the fields. From Morogoro, Tabora and Mwanza we had many pastors who showed the need of having food so that they can feed their congregations. Every day many pastors were passing information to those who had no information about the conference. Everyday we were receiving many pastors coming from villages and remote areas driving on their bicycles. Pastors were so silence, but good listeners. The questions they asked were not to challenge Charlie and Leonard but to draw better understanding. So if God touches you to join any mission trip with Village Ministries International team I would like to advice you to go so that you will see the need. Teaching the pastors and leave them with little materials seems to be good but does not fulfill the need of the Pastors in Tanzania. So the Pastors has asked for something so that we will be able to teach pastors who will be able to teach others. To do this Village Ministries International is going to register VMI as Village Ministries of Tanzania. This will be a faith based organization, non denomination intended to equip the Pastors in Tanzania especially in villages with the sound doctrine. Please we ask you to pray for this vision so that we can impact this country with the Word of God.

REPORT SUMMARY - Morogoro 112 pastors trained, Tabora 195 pastors trained and Mwanza 104 Pastors trained. The grand total of pastors trained this year is 411. Last year 2006 VMI trained 200 pastors which brings the Total of 611 Pastors Trained for the year 2006/2007, Men is that not interesting? God bless you for your support and prayers to make this Ministry move ahead.

Revenge

Romans 12:19-20

12:14 C.T. = Bless (1C) those who pursue you; bless (2C) and do not curse (3C).

12:15 C.T. = in order to rejoice with those rejoicing and to weep with those weeping.

12:16 C.T. = thinking the same into one another, not thinking the arrogant things, but moving along with the humble. Stop being wise (4C) in your own estimation.

12:17 C.T. = {1D} not paying back evil for evil to anyone, {2D} thinking beforehand about the good things in the sight of all men,

12:18 C.T. = if there is power, the {power} out of you, {3D} being at peace with all men.

Rom 12:19 = A Fourth Area of Arrogance vs. Wisdom. (Deut 32:35)

12:19 C.T. = {4D} not taking your own revenge, beloved, but (5C) give a place for the wrath of *the Lord*, for it is written, "To Me, vengeance, I will repay," says the Lord.

Summary:

1. Again, in context, the issue of "peace" involves the issue of revenge.
2. The Lord reserves the right to "pay back" for Christians as He did for Israel. Deut 32:34-43
3. Those in authority are to maintain an attitude of grace. 2 Cor 10:5-6
4. The saints will indeed ask "how long" before the wrongs are avenged? Rev 6:9-10
5. The Lord will, in His own time, avenge wrongs. Heb 10:26-31
6. In His own time, avenge *all* the unrepentant wrongs. Luke 21:20-22
7. Revenge motives are manifested when one's desire for justice supersedes one's desire for the salvation of others.
8. Revenge is a matter of arrogance.

Principle: The Lord's avenging of wrong is certain, but His timing is uncertain.

Rom 12:20 = A Fifth Area of Arrogance.

12:20 C.T. = "But if your enemy is hungry, (5C) feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink (6C); for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

Summary:

1. Paul is quoting a proverb. Prov 25:21-22

2. The Mosaic Law taught this. Exo 23:1-7
3. Elisha modeled it. 2 Kings 6:20-23
4. Solomon applied wisdom to it. Prov 24:17-18
5. Paul explained it. Rom 2:4
6. These two commands are evangelistic. They seek to find the needs of others at a very personal level and to fulfill them.
7. We are called to imitate the Lord. Eph 5:1; 1 Cor 11:1
8. Seek to "feed" your enemy the "Bread of Heaven," and give him "drink" from the "Water of Life."
9. Sometimes it is through the literal bread and water.
10. Offering good to one who hates you is the highest form of virtue and could gain an audience. Luke 6:27-36
11. If used simply to manipulate the enemy it loses its moral value, being nothing more than "selfish, malicious wickedness."
12. False Teachers of the last days will enslave weak women, who have their sins "heaped" upon them. 2 Tim 3:5-8
13. On a personal level it is arrogance to take one's own revenge since we are not given the authority by God to do so, so why not do good to them? Cf Rom 13

Principle: Do good to those who hate you.