

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

August 26, 2007

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Becoming an Overcomer

Rom 12:21

The Churches of Revelation

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday	29 Aug	1 Corinthians.
Sunday	2 Sep	The Lord's Table.
Monday	10 Sep	Youth Meeting. 6:30-8:30
Wednesday	12 Sep	Bible Class.
Thursday	13 Sep	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Monday	17 Sep	Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday	19 Sep	1 Corinthians.

** Notice our new Youth Gathering, beginning Monday 10 September at 6:30. The plan is to meet every Monday night. Invite your friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

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.

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Romans 12:21
Summary Of Characteristics of the
Seven Churches of Revelation:

Description Of The Speaker (Rev 1):

Ephesus (Rev 2:1-7)
(70-100 A.D.)

Description Of The Speaker:

- (1) Holds Seven Stars In Right Hand. _____
 (2) Walks Among Seven Lampstands. _____

Commendations: Works, labor under adversity, patience, doctrinally sound, endurance under pressure, not burned out, hates dishonest gain.

Problems: Left love of brethren.

Solutions: Remember past good, repent, restart works.

Potential Discipline: Lose position of light in the world.

Rewards: Eat from tree of life in Paradise of God.

Summary: Doctrinally sound church that forgot relationships.

An Overcomer: _____

The Marker: _____

Smyrna: Rev 2:8-11
(100-313 A.D.)

Description Of The Speaker:

- (1) First and Last. _____
 (2) Resurrected One. _____

Commendations: Rich relationship with God.

Problems: Potential Fear

Solutions: Faith in face of fear.

Potential Discipline: None

Rewards: Crown of Life

Summary: Courageous church facing fear.

An Overcomer: _____

The Marker: _____

Pergamum Rev 2:12-17
(313-590 A.D.)

Description Of The Speaker: One with the Broadsword. _____

Commendations: Hold Christ's reputation. Trust under pressure.

Problems: Infiltrated by greed, unloving (Anti-Semitic), reject authority, immoral, elitists.

Solutions: Repent.

Potential Discipline: War with the Lord

Rewards: Hidden manna, divine approval, nickname

Summary: Faithful church infiltrated by evil teachers.

An Overcomer: _____

The Marker: _____

Thyatira: Rev 2:18-29
(590-1517 A.D.)

Description Of The Speaker:

- (1) Son of God. _____
- (2) Eyes like Flame of Fire. _____
- (3) Feet of Burnished Bronze. _____

Commendations: Works, love, faith, service, patience, growth.

Problems: Accept Jezebel, join with Jezebel.

Solutions: Repent

Potential Discipline: Slow death, pressure, loss of children, reap what sown.

Rewards: Rule the nations, Order of Morning Star.

Summary: Church infiltrated by evil.

An Overcomer: _____

The Marker: _____