

February 1, 2018

Dear Saints of the Most High God,

God's wonderful blessings to you in this precious new year. God has graciously given us another year to be fellow laborers in the harvest. His Kingdom shall have no end!

With this letter we wanted to express our deepest thanks for your love toward us and for what God has been doing in us during this last year. A quick snapshot of things that happened is revealing of God's heart for His people, especially in Africa. Here's what we got done (that we know of):

IN 2017 WE:

- **Completed 15 Schools of Ministry** for 2,329 pastors in Kenya (7 schools), Zambia (6 schools), Malawi (1 school), and Zimbabwe (1 school) with many additional pastors also traveling in from Burundi, DR Congo, Tanzania, Botswana, and Uganda.

All our students are functioning pastors. Their average church size is about 100 and many of them oversee multiple churches. It is common to find pastors overseeing as many as 50 (sometimes over 100!) churches out in rural areas. They go village to village and across national borders to start them. We commissioned one additional KFMI instructor to make a total of four in Kenya and one in Zambia. More are in the pipeline (a two to 3 year training process). More instructors enables us to double and hopefully triple the schools we can do as the finances come in while at the same time lowering our instructor-travel costs. More and more pastors are clamoring for a school in their area. This is God at work!

Right: Paul teaching the KFMI School of Ministry to a precious group of 80 pastors in Blantyre, Malawi last February.

Below: Pastor Christopher, our KFMI director for Zambia taught the school to 98 pastors gathered in Kasama last November. Pastors are so thankful to learn how to hear the voice of God and to operate the nine manifestations (tools!) of the Holy Spirit!



- **Continued translations** of KFMI books and training materials in French (for pastors in DR Congo, Burundi, and Rwanda) and in Bemba (for DR Congo and Zambia). We also are reviewing plans to start a translation center for Kiswahili (for Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania)

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us online for any of these KFMI fellowships. You can find more details on the KFMI Website Web Family Fellowship Page in the resources tab: <http://www.kingdomfaithministries.org/webfamilyfellowship>

Keeping pastors connected is important in Africa because fellowship is so needed. For this purpose our Director for the work in Africa, Pastor John Amos has hit upon using WhatsApp to stay in close touch. So instantly when there is need for prayer, announcements of new schools and how to attend them, or short teachings from Pastor Paul or other pastors, each of thousands of pastors can get the message in moments. We praise God we can use these electronic tools for the Kingdom rather than the way the adversary uses them.

- **Became incorporated as a non-profit foundation in Kenya which** allows a legal status that enables much more work to be done, attracts more pastors (because the Kenya and other African nations are very concerned about homespun ministries without any Bible training certifications), and facilitates our work in other countries as well. We also moved the center of our operations to be closer to Nairobi airport to lower the costs of international travel. By God's grace and mercy, KFMI is now active in 14 African countries with more pastors requesting our schools each year. Africa shall be saved! We want to also underscore the fact that we are a parachurch ministry which comes alongside all denominations to teach and equip pastors. Because we have no members, we do not affiliate or ally with any churches. Hence denominations trust us enough to send us hundreds of their pastors each year to train and equip. God gives us wonderful favor to do this.
- **Started free distribution of bi-monthly teachings on CD** for all those who would like to have edifying, powerful teachings mailed to them once every two months. You can enjoy them in your car while traveling or at home. These are powerhouse exciting motivational teachings that you can enjoy and pass along. Please feel free to sign up to receive them if you like by contacting Cheryl Elton (our amazing Administrative Assistant!) by email at copywriter5@Verizon.net. And if you would like to be a part of our prayer team newsletter, please let her know that also.



FOR 2018

Because God is opening the doors, we are joyfully seeking to walk through each and every one of them. So we are currently planning on more than doubling the work in Africa for this year (which is a huge reflection of what God has been doing to open these doors):

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- **Spend more time in His presence.** We are realizing the amazing Kingdom productivity truth that the more time we spend resting in the presence of the Lord, ceasing from our work, the more God accomplishes through us. Because of this, and spearheaded by the many pastors working with us in Africa, we begin each year with forty days of prayer for the wisdom to set the schedule of KFMI schools for the new year. We confess, however, that we jumped the gun last month by already running a School of Ministry in January this year. Three hundred and twenty eight pastors gathered in Namanga (on the border between Kenya and Tanzania) for a school run by Pastor John Amos. It had been planned for early December last year but had to be postponed during the previously mentioned move of the KFMI office location nearer to Nairobi. Those Namanga pastors couldn't wait. They had been asking for a KFMI School of Ministry for the past two years!
- **Post new language translations** on the ministry website so more and more of our training materials can be freely accessed. All our foreign language translations are freely available for downloading, and we continue to get increasing requests for our schools in other countries, particularly India. We now have a Bemba translation center in Zambia, and will soon be starting one in Kenya for Kiswahili and its five surrounding Kiswahili-speaking countries.
- **Complete the video processing of a new school in the Chichewa language** for Malawi. Paul taught alongside two of our country directors (from Kenya and Zambia) this past February in the country of Malawi. In the last two years 263 pastors have graduated from our schools in that country, and more are expected when Paul returns to Malawi in this fall.

- **Complete the video processing of a new school course in the Kiswahili language** which was filmed with 30 senior pastors and bishops in Kenya last March. This course enabled them to interpret tongues and

operate the manifestation of prophecy. No one got missed. It was powerful!

The school also

Brother Erich Altvater joined Paul in teaching how to interpret and prophecy. We are sad to report that he has recently gone home to be with the Lord. The pastors and bishops loved Erich's honesty and powerful example as he demonstrated how to interpret tongues and taught many small group practice sessions.

covered how to discern and guard against false prophetic utterances (which are rife in Africa), and presented the enormous power of words from the throne room. Oppositely, the destructive power of cursed words was taught especially as it enables witchcraft (which I hate and which African pastors deal with often).



- **Commence Women's Ministry training for the thousands of women pastors** in Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique and Uganda. Uganda has more women pastors than men. They are on fire and dearly long to be equipped for more effective fire-breathing Holy Ghost ministry. During the Fall trip to Malawi, Paul will run a special additional training in Malawi to recognize and empower women's ministry in Africa. This is

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huge for Africa, and is expected to have extraordinary outreach impact for many African nations.

Above: Pastor Margareth from Tanzania teaching senior pastors and bishops at the KFMI school mentioned above in Kenya while Pastor Justus, a member of the KFMI directors in Africa and president of a 600 member ministerial association in his city, translates.

Right: Pastor Charity from Malawi shares her heart with the students in the Malawi KFMI school with Pastor John Amos looking on. She and her husband are bishops over 180 churches in Malawi and Mozambique. Charity rode a bus for 11 hours to reach our school, and now she and her church regularly attends our Africa Web Family Fellowship. They are instrumental in helping launch the KFMI Africa women's ministry next fall on our next visit.



- **Traveling and teaching more in the US** is being facilitated by the loving contributions of saints across the US to help provide a ministry vehicle for Paul to travel. This is something that has just arisen in the past two weeks, and it is both very humbling and eye-opening to see the urgency with which God wants us to be out teaching. It also illustrates the love of so many precious saints who have jumped in to help.

People need to hear how to hear God's voice for themselves. They need to be encouraged to boldly operate in the supernatural as Kingdom builders. We are not getting older (as in heading for infirmity). God wants us to know instead that we are getting more spiritually enabled for the signs, miracles, and wonders Kingdom outreach that He wants to do through you in 2018!

- **Finally, our Annual Campfire Weekend dates** are set. Please mark your calendar for **September's 14-16** days of fun with God's Word around the campfire in the Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts. What a precious time of loving on God, and His loving on you with precious fellow believers in Christ. We look forward to being with you and enjoying the presence of God!

So these are just some of the doors which the Lord is helping us to walk through in the coming year. Let God arise, and His enemies be scattered! We are so grateful for the Lord Jesus Christ's anointing through the Holy Spirit to continue to obey His direction to build His church His way and not our way. We could never have conceived such things, much less figure out how to get all these things to happen!

So Rita and I, our directors on the KFMI Board, and all those whom the Lord so lovingly inspires to come alongside to help, thank you. Your kind encouragement throughout the year, your empowering prayers, and your enabling financial support is combining to accelerate the light of God's Kingdom reign in Africa. Most of all, we thank God for your prayers and God's amazing grace. Jesus is building His church His way, and we are trying to stay out of the way!

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With all our deepest love in Christ our King,
our Lord, and our First Love,

Paul and Rita Norcross



PS – please pray for our pastors’ training school opening in Mombasa, Kenya on Feb 19. Over 700 pastors are expected and we have a limit of 500 due to the facility size. Over a 1,000 would come if we could seat them all. This is in a 70% muslim part of the country. The hunger these pastors have is amazing. God’s favor is astonishing and humbles our hearts with much prayer and tears of thankfulness.



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