

Fourth Quarter Overview



Three Speaking Engagements

In late October I spoke at the Africa Claiming Africa for Christ (ACAC) conference held in Sierra Leone. There has been an eight year lapse since ACAC's last conference.

Over a three day period 10 presentations covering various aspects of evangelism for Africa addressed Christian education, farming, medical practices and spreading the gospel. One session focused on the data of how many churches exist in each country and the burden of reaching the lost. Another addressed internet evangelism and using World Bible School.

My presentation outlined ideas for using medical care to make the gospel more attractive to the lost. To prepare the powerpoint for my session, I was fortunate to have the assistance of a Nigerian brother, who was both on the conference's committee as well as aware of the kind of presentation that was needed.

Leaving Sierra Leone, I started on the long journey to the Physicians' Assistant School at Harding University in Little Rock where there would be an opportunity to speak to the students. This opportunity arose as the result of a brother in Christ, James, recognizing my growing fatigue and learning about the relief I had been receiving from a PA we had hired from Botswana. Our PA served with us for 18 months, but since that time I have been looking for another PA.

James orchestrated my trip to Harding including overseeing payment for trip. During my eight days in Searcy, I was blessed to be able to stay in a fully furnished house set aside for visiting missionary families.

I spoke to PA students, premed students, nursing students and a young adult Sunday evening gathering about our work in Eswatini. Two PA students indicated they would like to visit us in August.

Our son also drove to Searcy picking me up so that I could speak to the WestArk congregation regarding our project to protect school children from being recruited by gangs. We began this program on October 27th and it ran for 7 weeks. About 12 to 15 children participated each day. Three paid individuals supervised the program providing help with homework, teaching Bible lessons and supervising Annette's math training program. While we discovered some wrinkles that need to be ironed out for the next program offering, it was beneficial.

In the last two months we have expanded our cervical cancer screening at the clinic to now include inviting clients to be screened. Previously, we only attended those requesting a screening. This has led to an increase in clients and the need to investigate further abnormalities.

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