

## News Update – May 2008



Beloved,

Love is one of the most precious things in life, because it is what gives us purpose and passion in all things, and makes us feel that in spite of all the hardships, life is still worth living. So may we go through this life living each day with a deeper love for everyone we meet and everything we do. Thanks for your love to us, and also prayer, support and concern.

The month of April came and went with amazing speed and the Lord's bountiful blessings to us are many. This month saw continued HIV counseling and testing in churches following the preaching of the gospel of grace, openness and love. New church mobilizations have also been initiated in our continual ministry expansion. We were also able to complete a successful Pastors' and Action Committee workshop this past month.

We praise God that at the end of the month we were finally able to embark on our Sierra Leone volunteer training. Christine Breuker selflessly offered her facilitation services for the training sessions, and so on the 25<sup>th</sup> April both Christine and I set off to Sierra Leone with no mishaps. Training went extremely well : 28 volunteers were trained and 2 of the 28 tested positive to HIV. In spite of facing the difficulties of being positive, both the volunteers gave emotional testimonies after discovering their status; please pray that they will find the necessary medical attention. Our journey started well, but then at the airport we were informed that our flight that was to depart on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and that the next flight would not depart until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Christine's flight back to America was supposed to be the same Thursday but by God's grace her flight date was changed to the following Sunday. We were able to make good use of the extra days in Sierra Leone, and were finally able to make it safely back to Jos.

Christine's flight was scheduled for that Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May which was just a couple of days after our return. Though saying good-bye is always so difficult, I believe we are always that much richer for having known someone we come to miss painfully when absent. As long as we are bound together in the precious love of Jesus Christ, nothing shall ever separate us.

We also praise the Lord for the efforts of AMEN in the UK : they have made a commitment to raise 16,000 pounds to pay for testing for 16,000 people – enough for one full year. 2,000 pounds have already been raised, and I have just arrived in London to assist in the promotion. Pray for the Lord's blessings on AMEN's effort and over my journey.

May I leave you now with the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we learn to love our Father in heaven more and more each day, and continually love those around unconditionally.

In His Love,  
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