



CHILDREN TREASURING CHRIST
— C A M E R O O N —

November Newsletter

I pray that the Lord is sustaining you by the grace and peace we share in Christ! I give thanks to my God always for you, especially during this Thanksgiving season, for our partnership in ministry and the bond we share in Christ. I am humbled and grateful to God to see how He is at work to do and to will according to His great and marvelous purposes.

Here is my prayer for you as well as for myself:

"May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

This past year the Lord has taught me more about letting go of control and trusting what he is doing in me and not just what he is doing through me in this ministry he has called me to do. I have been discouraged and sometimes bitter at myself for my weaknesses as I see them working against me. God is working to make me blameless and dependent on Him. I know that godly growth is sometimes slow, often hidden, and frequently frustrates our dreams and designs. But God never fails to work all His purposes for us faithfully.

Encouraging Visit and Training for Discipleship

Two leaders (Dr. Osborn and Dr. Cooney) of the Wilberforce International Institute, a partner organization, visited me at the end of October and the first week of November. They had a couple of seminars at a partner church that echoed the need to disciple children, the same message that my ministry emphasizes. It was encouraging to have coworkers come along to inspire me and encourage the saints.

Consultations and Meetings with Pastors

In September, I started consulting with Bethel Baptist Church Bipele to establish a family discipleship ministry. The process started with turbulence. 25% of the leadership are not submissive to the Pastor's leadership and mostly work against his every move. It's been not very encouraging for the Pastor. Still, I've encouraged him and prayed with him often that the Lord will take away discouragement and give him the eyes of faith. Lately, the Lord has been doing that. I suggested that he start the process of actually having a training course on church leadership with present leaders and potential future leaders. As a result, we came up with a plan to write a curriculum for training church leaders. I'm working with another partner in the US to write a course on Church leadership. The pastors of partner churches will use this curriculum during the family discipleship consultation process to train their leadership. I believe that the Lord used this particular difficult circumstance at Bethel for me to realize that most church leaders here don't understand what the Bible teaches about church leadership.

Also, last month I had two meetings with the Pastors of Emmanuel Baptist Church Mambanda and a very young church that is one and half years old here in town. I plan to start the same consultation training with them come January. So as of January, I will be working with four churches, including Christ the King Baptist church up North.

The Lord has encouraged me immensely by giving me these opportunities to move the ministry forward to equipping leaders/parents who will champion the

discipleship of children within their congregations and at home.



From left to right: Dr. Osborn, me, and Dr. Cooney. They are both in traditional regalia given by the Emmanuel Baptist church Christians



Consultation Training Seminar at Bethel Baptist Church Bipele

What is the Process of Consultation?

You might be wondering what is involved in the process of my consultations. Here is a brief explanation:

1. Two years of once-a-month training program to set up a Family Discipleship/Equipping Ministry for these churches.
2. *What does this mean?* For two years, I will provide the church with guidance through several training seminars on what they need to equip parents to disciple their children. I will also help the church coordinate all its ministries to work towards this purpose.
3. The goal is that parents will be equipped to disciple their children in the Lord's ways. As a result, the church will learn to realign their

mindset/goals according to God's purpose for the church and the family and how they should work together.

4. It also involves providing the necessary curricula, like the church leadership course, that the pastors may need to use to equip their current leadership and possible future leaders for this to happen effectively.

It is a blessed opportunity to serve God, and I am learning that the road is never what you think it will be. However, He who has called us is faithful.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that the Lord gives me the grace to end the year well and complete all I have set to do in writing and setting up my plans/schedule for next year.
2. Pray for the Churches I will be consulting. Please pray that the Lord will give unity of mind to the leadership as we partner together for the next generation's sake.
3. Pray for Goodness, who will be joining me next year as a ministry assistant, that the Lord will lay the vision of CTCC clearly on her heart and give us unity of mind as we work together.
4. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide for the financial needs of CTCC graciously.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. May the grace of God abound to you in Christ.

In Christ,

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