

Words from the Woodwards

August 2023

"...Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Dear ministry friend,

I am writing my monthly personal prayer letter later than usual. This month has been so packed. We had a fruitful Workshop in Pigeon Forge July 31-August 3, then the following week Mark and I left for Africa.

I will give a more complete report in September, but I give thanks for traveling mercies all the way to South Africa, Cameroon and other stops. The Lord blessed the week near Cape Town as we renewed fellowship with our team members there—Nehlsie deBruto, Piet and Sylvia duToit and others. With the aid of personal invitations and two radio interviews on CCFM, we had about 160 attend the Finding Peace seminar on August 12. We heard testimonies of hearts responding to the Message for follow up by the local team and our internet ministries.

August 16-18 I was in Limbe, Cameroon for the annual Ministers' Conference of Cameroon Baptist Association. It was a privilege and important responsibility to be keynote preacher for this event. I gave three workshops in two sessions. I was also assisted by John Singinie of our networking ministry, Dynamic Churches International in Malawi. When it was announced that GFI had provided content and sponsorship to print 1,100 notebooks for all in attendance, they applauded. May God bless all the ministries represented. A letter of appreciation was sent, which I will share that on side two of this letter.

The week after I returned from Africa, Linda and I had a vacation in Florida with three of our children and grandchildren. Today Linda is back at Dollywood and I am here at the GFI office to catch up on correspondence.

Thank you again for your partnership for the cause of Christ-Centered Discipleship Counseling and training internationally. God bless and encourage you daily.

Yours in Christ,

John

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