



Africa Update

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New Year's greetings! Last year was a whirlwind of activity and travel. We thought it would be good to begin this year with a report of what was accomplished during 2011.

January – Travel to Democratic Republic of Congo for the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting. Bill serves as the field moderator for the country of Gabon and attended this Central Africa RAC meeting in that capacity. After that, Bill went on to Botswana for a first ever Teachers Training Conference for the Southern Africa region.

February – Travel to Kenya for the launch of the Association of Pentecostal Theological Education in Africa (APTEA). This association has been a long time in the making, beginning with a dream of such an organization in 2007. First, a worldwide theological association had to be established that would be the mother of regional associations. This was accomplished at the Pentecostal World Fellowship meeting in 2010. We praise God that APTEA is now serving Pentecostal schools across Africa.

March – Travel to Ethiopia to teach “Biblical Leadership” at the Assembly of God Bible school in Addis Ababa.

April – Back to Kenya to present a paper at the first ever Africa Assemblies of God Alliance’s Missions Consultation. Bill was one of four presenters, addressing the topic “Missional Tensions: Theological Training Systems and Compassionate Ministries in African Missions.” The four presenters papers with responses have been published in the book “Globalizing Pentecostal Missions in Africa: The Emerging Missionary Movement in the Africa Assemblies of God” (Miller & Lwesya eds.) available from Africa's Hope Publications.

June – We were privileged to go with Bill’s parents on their 60th anniversary Alaska Cruise.

August – General Council in Phoenix

September – The Pan Africa Theological Seminary (PATHS) expands its program to East Africa. Bill travels to Kenya to teach this new cohort “Servant Leadership and Corporate Management.” These students are key leaders from across the East Africa region. They are the ones who lead and teach in the Bible schools.

October – Continuing on from Kenya, Bill traveled to Gabon to meet with the Gabon national church leadership about their desire to build a Bible school. We surveyed the property on which a Bible school will be built near the capital of Libreville.

November – Bill traveled back to Kenya to teach at the East Africa Graduate Studies Center. He taught a group of eager MA students “Leadership Emergence Patterns.” More teachers are being trained to raise up more leaders for the church in Africa.

December – Continuing on from Kenya, Bill traveled to Togo, West Africa, to teach a new cohort at PATHS “Servant Leadership and Corporate Management.” These students are the trainers of the Bible school teachers from across West Africa.

Thank you very much for your prayers and financial support during 2011. You are enabling a foundation to be built under the 18 to 21 churches being planted DAILY in Africa.

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