

Africa Update Bill & Judy Kirsch

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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

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Greetings, friends!

Back in March, one of our students who, will be graduating the end of this year, wrote to thank us for the oral defense of her dissertation. She noted how her research opened doors in her church to be given permission by her leadership to carry out training. She helps church leaders understand how children grow in their faith, and the part that parents, teachers, and believers play to help them in the process. She noted how grateful she was for the investment in her life. This is 2 Timothy 2:2 in action! This investment belongs to you as well, as you have made this training possible through your investment in us. Thank you for investing in this strategic ministry of raising up leaders for the church in Africa!

Today, we received another email from this dear student. She states: "Our condition in the country is.. getting worse by the day... The killings and kidnappings are common every day. Fifteen young boys were killed over the weekend by the military while teachers were kidnapped for going to invigilate government exams. August 3rd 2020 makes two full years I have not entered my house. I am presently an internally displaced person living in <u>city</u>^{*}. God has been answering your prayers. In the midst of all this, I have seen the goodness of God. He has kept my family, especially my husband, who pastors a church in the <u>area of</u> <u>conflict</u>^{*}. We see each other every week so the Lord has been very good. I am blessed to be a part of the PAThS family. The things I learned are precious to me and very useful to the body of Christ. A special thank you, for paying attention to this vision. Be blessed."

What a privilege it is to serve students like these who desire to become more useful in God's hands for Kingdom purposes. Most of them do so at great personal sacrifice and in extremely difficult conditions. Thank you for making it possible! Your hands empower our hands, that empower a multitude of leaders across Africa. Be blessed.

Sincerely, Bill & Judy Kirsch

* Underlined areas changed to protect the identity of this student.