



And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

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Africa Update

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Judy and I continue the work of training leaders to duplicate themselves in the lives of countless others. We feel so privileged to be granted this opportunity to serve God in this critical hour. We all live daily with the realities of wars and rumors of wars, and nation rising against nation. Fellow believers are being handed over to be persecuted and even put to death. Yet, God is moving in miraculous ways bringing all things under his dominion. These are the birth pains of the beginning of the end where we will see his kingdom established on earth as it is in heaven.

During January and February, Bill taught *Biblical Leadership* to a group of leaders online, discipling, encouraging, and counseling together with them. In the class were Bible school teachers, a regional superintendent, a missionary, a national secretary of the ministers' wives association, and two Bible college principals. Training a group like this, who represent some of the highest level of leadership in Africa, is such an honor and privilege. It has tremendous potential for the greatest impact.

Next week we will begin delivery of two more courses online to our students in East Africa. Dr. Boyd Powers, the Lead Pastor of Administration and Missions for the Oregon Ministry Network, will teach the course *Empowering Missional Leadership*. This course will place tools in each student's hands to have greater effectiveness to cast vision for their churches and mentor their leaders. Following that, Dr. Bob Braswell will teach *Research Methods and Proposal Development* as these students prepare to write dissertations to address issues and needs in their churches and create means to improve the quality of many aspects of the church and kingdom work.

Although we face many challenges and difficulties, it is an exciting time to be alive. God is doing marvelous things in our day that are truly significant. At any given time, we only see one slice... a glimpse... of what God is doing. If we were to see the full picture, we would be amazed and encouraged by the way God is moving all over the world. It is exciting to be faithful to the small part of the big picture God has called us to do. Thanks for being a part of it through your faithful financial support and prayers!

Sincerely, Bill & Judy Kirsch

