Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

I am not a patient man as people who know me well can testify to that fact. I don’t know about you, but it’s hard for me to “wait”. And do you ever have a hard time staying encouraged, especially when it feels like nothing is going right in your life? If you do, you’re not alone. We all face times when it’s just simply hard to keep on keeping on. However, no matter how bad things are at home, at church, or our country, and how difficult it feels to be happy, we’ve got to encourage ourselves by knowing that Jesus came to bring us hope. Our lives are going to have problems. We’re going to have days that just don’t go well. That’s part of living here on earth. However, we don’t have to lose hope even when things are tough. Instead, we can go to Jesus. In our Bible, we are told that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I suppose that I am preaching to myself as much as anyone, but I do want to soar like an eagle, and sometimes that’s very difficult to do. At ELM, we have waited six months to be able to travel overseas to preach the Gospel. Wanting to do what God has called us to do, but being unable to at this time is frustrating. So, I cry out, “Teach me Lord to wait.”

I love you all,
Bro. Rocky
Luke 10:2 - Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

God is in control and will be in control no matter what happens to this world we are living in today. We thank and praise Him for His love, protection and salvation. It is really thrilling and a great blessing to see the Word of God coming alive in our days. He is real and He is coming back as He told us, and I believe very soon our flight will take off. It is His will that none perish but all should be saved, and it must be our goal to reach the lost.

If COVID – 19 were to be the Rapture, it would be a shock and a surprise for many unprepared believers who are more concerned about this present life. We believe that many things are going to be left behind which could have been used to reach more souls, touch lives and win many into the Kingdom of our great King and coming Savior.

There was great hope in the area of our ministry since the beginning of the year 2020 that by the end of the year we were going to reach more places, villages, souls, train more leaders, and plant three more churches with what the Lord is doing with us, through us, in us and within us. We were always on the road travelling to places, sharing the good news with gospel film shows, giving out Bibles, tracts, shepherd bags and things that will bring people together for us to share the good news to them, but to our surprise COVID – 19 came in and displaced everything. But God is God and He is in control. He rules and reigns in the affairs of men, and victory is always ours.

COVID – 19 brought fear and panic into the world where many begin to think we are all going to be infected and die. The lockdowns, social distancing and wearing of facemasks brought unexpected change in our line of ministry and made things very difficult for us. We are now reaching souls through phone calls, online service, social media, relief program, visitations, cell groups, Bible studies and prayer meetings.

The four thousand dollars of COVID – 19 relief funds that we received from EIM was a great blessing to many families, our churches, Pastors and their families, as well as individuals. Together with brother Clement, we were able to reach a few villages, gave out food stuff, hygienic supplies and share the good news to many.

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Because of the negative effects on the economy around the world, many of the people we are reaching now have become more materialistic. They will only listen to us more if we can meet their physical needs. Most of the time, we are afraid to speak or get close to some of them because we don’t know who is carrying the disease.

COVID – 19 has cause many of our churches and fellowships that meet in rented places and school buildings to close down. Most of our members have lost their jobs, and those with small scale businesses have collapsed and their capital for business is gone. Some of our leaders and pastors are spending more time looking for jobs because there are no more offerings and tithes coming in. Our school kids are at home, and feeding the family and others has become a big issue. Over ten people with my family are depending on us for their daily meal, and we thank God for His great provision.

The basket weaving and crushing of Shea-nut for Shea-butter, which was the source of income for Brother Clement’s mission work and the church members in the North, has been affected to where there is barely a market for them, but people are more concern about food than any product. God is in control and He will take care of His own in all situations. We have been praying and hoping during this pandemic that God will use it to bring more souls to Jesus and use it to glorify and praise His name.

Although it looks like COVID – 19 has come to stay with us, we believe it will soon be a thing of the past. Things are getting normal here with many being recovered and a low infection rate. We thank God for the daily victory He has been giving us.

We are praying and trusting God for financial relief funds which will be given to those affected to revive their businesses and to pastors’ wives in remote places to do some business to support the family. COVID – 19 has made food demand very high and many families, especially the less privileged, are finding it very difficult for a square meal. It is our plan and prayer for God to open the door for us to get farming equipment to help most of our members in farming villages.

With your prayers and financial support, we are hoping to be very active and get back on the road again.

We say thanks, and with God’s blessings, good health and protection to us all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EIM of Africa - Ghana
The BMA churches of Tanzania, my wife Grace, and I want to thank you so much for your love, prayers, and for our ministry during this difficult time of COVID-19 in our entire world. We love you and we truly thank you. We are doing fine and are healthy, and we hope that you are as well. Even though we have been in lockdown all over the world, our ministry here in Tanzania has continued, and we want to thank you and our Heavenly Father for that. Below is a brief summary of what we were able to do during this COVID-19 season. Thank YOU!

EXPANDED NEW MINISTRY IN SHINYANGA AND TABORA

We added two more churches to our BMA of Tanzania churches. The pastors of these new churches are Pastor Moses Dangwa and Pastor Anthony Fabian. They are tremendous. One of the best things I like about these new pastors, every week at 3 pm, they invite the entire community to come to a Bible Study. Also, they have been changing their communities by going to a different location each week.

JESUS FILM AND OPEN-AIR CRUSADES

BMA churches of Tanzania and EIM, under Renatus and his team, have been showing the Jesus Film and doing crusades for two weeks in nearby villages where our extension churches are. In addition, we are very grateful to the Lord for our safety, and also very grateful that our government allows us to do what we do.

BIBLE MINISTRY

We received donations during the COVID-19 season through EIM, so we have now been able to buy and give away over 497 Bibles to our new churches, house church pastors/leaders and women leaders. We are in prayer for 2,500 Bibles for our 26 churches when funds become available.

TRAINING CENTER

EIM and BMA churches of Tanzania have established training centers for laymen and other people with our churches. We want to continue reproducing what we received from our brothers and sisters from BMA of America. This training in churches has become so strong during the lockdown, and we have produced more laborers for the work here in Tanzania.
CHURCH GROWTH BASE LINES

Our pastors are also using this time to get caught up on the church growth details so that we know the actual total number of churches we have in our BMA churches of Tanzania. We will also have an up-to-date actual total number of baptized believers in all our BMA churches of Tanzania.

NEW BOOK BY PASTOR MICHAEL GOODWIN, DR. CHARLEY HOLMES, AND JORDAN M. TEW

Pastor Michael Goodwin has written a new book for our pastors, evangelists, and church leaders called “SO THAT WE MAY KNOW.” It is a great book from the Book of 1 John.

Dr. Holmes and Brother Jordan M. Tew have worked on a second book which is critically important. It is going to be about “THE ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH MANUAL.” They did not write it, but edited it. On behalf of EIM Tanzania and BMA churches of Tanzania, I want to say thank you so much. We are grateful for these men, for their time, energy invested, and money. We also thank EIM and BMA America for their endless love and support.

CONCLUSION

So, these have been busy months of ministry even though we had to work from home sometimes and had very few travels. In Tanzania, the shutdown ended in June and we were able to continue the Training and Crusade Ministries by way of gathering people and visiting them in their homes and markets.

Thank you so much, EIM and BMA churches in America and all our supporters. God bless you for your donations and all the prayers you offer for us here in Tanzania. I want to tell you this, “WE DO WHAT WE DO BECAUSE OF YOU.” God bless you.

In Him,
Renatus

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This year has been filled with harsh tests for EIM Honduras, but His rod and His staff has given us encouragement. In February, I was diagnosed with two cancerous tumors in my colon, immediately underwent surgery, and I was hospitalized for 10 days. Almost simultaneously, my wife’s mother passed away without us being able to mobilize her in her agony as we would have done if I hadn’t been hospitalized.

Coming out of my hospitalization, severe cases of coronavirus began and quarantines and mobilization restrictions, too. Then I underwent three months of chemotherapy, and I still lack a preventive CT scan and colonoscopy.

Just after chemotherapy, my 51-year-old wife’s brother is diagnosed with COVID and dies this September 13th. He left two teenage sons for whom my wife and I became their main guides, comforters and mentors. Again, we ask for your powerful and invaluable prayers because like Abraham and Sarah, we are at the doorstep of being surrogate parents of two teenagers and we are already 63 and 65 years old.

Throughout this process, we recognize your great support in prayer because we have been strengthened with the power of His strength. Thanks to you because you have been our EIM family.
COVID-19 and Its Effects on Our Ministry

The world has seen unbelievable catastrophes since its creation. One after another has struck the world and left the people with so many unanswered questions. But those who believe in the Lord, know that God is in control and He never leaves and forsakes His people no matter what.

COVID-19 brought the world to its knees. Every part of the world got affected on a large scale, no matter whether it’s a first world or a third world country. Pakistan is also one of them. The people lost their jobs, schools were shut down, businesses went bankrupt, and in the middle of all this turmoil, the Church was also hit badly and doors of the churches got closed. But being a shepherd, I could not stay away from His flocks, so we had to go online to stay connected with our people for their encouragement and spiritual needs.

Here, I want to express my deepest gratitude for Evangelistic International Ministries and its leadership that decided to stand with us in these hard times when everyone in the world was struggling. Brother Mike Goodwin took an initiative to raise funds to support the needy Christian families in Pakistan. And thank God with their continued support, we were able to feed 900 hundred families and several leaders.

But thank God churches are opened in Pakistan and life is back to normal. Nowadays, we hardly hear anything about coronavirus in Pakistan. We are praying for the churches in the world and particularly in the USA for their safety and wellbeing.

God bless you all.

Pastor Javed Akhter

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In just matter of weeks, this COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we do the ministry here in the Island of Negros. For almost 6 months now, we are still under community quarantine, from hard Community Lockdown, to Enhanced Community Quarantine, to General Community Quarantine, and now back to Enhanced Community Quarantine because of fast local transmission in the city. As a result, we can no longer go to places and gather young people and adults for our sports and film ministries which are our main tools for sharing the Gospel.

Humanly speaking, it is so frustrating and at the same time confusing how we can adapt to this “new normal”. But God is good! Every need in the world is an OPEN DOOR to share His love. Jesus is leading and showing us the way how we can minister during this COVID-19 crisis...by serving the people who are most vulnerable. This message of caring for others is laced throughout Scripture and central to the very fabric of the Christian faith.

Our hope is built on the perfect love of Jesus Christ, so we’ve been called to share that love with the world. And that’s exactly what we’ll be doing in the coming weeks and months as more and more people in our community are in need.

All through Him. All about Him. All for Him.

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