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Feel the Protection!

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"Now, may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in every way? The Lord be with all of you." (2 Thessalonians 3:10) I want you not only to hear those words, but when Paul wrote them to the Thessalonians he meant to wrap all who read them in God's divine love, power and peace. I wrap each of you in the same blessings. Feel the protection from God I put on you."

It has always been Barbara's and my concern, "What can two older people like us do?" The needs here are so great. Africa is only going to change if its own people are equipped and encouraged to invest who they are in teaching and in caring and in ministry. I had the privilege to talk about that very thing with two young pastors, here in Arusha, yesterday.

Luke 10:2 "There are a great many people to harvest, but there are only a few workers."

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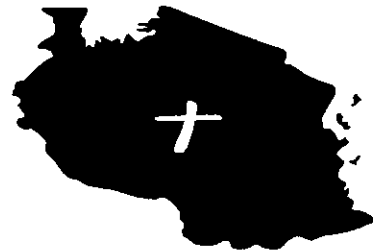
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There are hundreds of pictures available on the website.

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Joshua 24:15b
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It excites our souls when one young preacher, Fanuel Kiroka, with no salary, feels led by God to change his society for the best. He is personally training young men to teach and to preach, to fill empty pulpits in Kelo-Ketonie, Kifaru, Stillway, Kariat and six other village sites. It is exciting when a young man, Abraham, is starting another church for those he calls "peasants," and he grieves that there is no theological training for his people. It is exciting when Mikaeli Tafile and Lukas Lazier and Lukas Sabore and Timotheo Lekoja are burdened and dedicated to helping Maasai be a better people.

It is exciting to teach young preachers Bible truths to prepare them to fill pulpits and to become preachers and pastors, to be positive and ethical personalities in many villages. It is exciting to teach Maasai families, husbands and wives, as much Bible knowledge as you can in three months, to send them extreme distances into uncharted bush country and to imagine one person being convicted and converted by a truth you taught.

I felt that way at Mount Meru University. Now, our students graduate next week, November 1 and go back to Cameroon, to the Democratic Republic of Congo, to Uganda, to Kenya, and to Rwanda to lead in business, education and in churches, hoping to teach masses of people a way of life that will make Africa be all God intended it to be.

The privilege was given us to teach ethics, morals, Bible knowledge, and how to be the Christian example of good behavior. We pray God will bless us with many more healthy years, because we want to visit all our students and see what they are doing five years from now. We have been invited. Called to Serve has made its first impression. Now we must follow through. We have been invited to go north into Ethiopia and south into Malawi.

Our sons and daughters travel home to their countries and into villages all over Tanzania and a little part of us goes with them.

God bless,

Elton and Barbara