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Our Dear Prayer Supporter,

On numerous occasions, Dorothy and I have stepped out of the status quo as an act of faith and obedience. Sometimes such decisions have been misunderstood. However, by the grace of God and the enabling of the indwelling Christ, today there are some people who are in the Shepherd's fold whom we have met as a result of such ministry.

Faith

The book of Joshua relates the story of a people who, by the blood and power of God, had already been redeemed from the Egyptians. These people were on the right side of the Red Sea but on the wrong side of Jordan. The testimony recorded of these people was: *He brought us out . . . that He might bring us in*" DEUTERONOMY 8:23.

In the "quick fix" mentality of our day, many people want to reverse the order and say: "He brought us *in*" that He might bring us *out*!" Such an attitude would bypass the necessity of faith.

In longing for relief from pressing circumstances—whether financial, domestic, political or international—some people try to handle it alone, and not with moment by moment dependence upon the risen Christ. Only He can outwork His glorious purposes of blessing through unconditional availability! However, Graham Scroggie spoke of the danger of indecision when he said: "There is a professed reliance on the Holy Spirit which is just ignorance and indolence."

Faith is not an escape from difficulties, it is appropriating God's power and grace to triumph in difficult circumstances. Unconditional commitment will say: "Any cost, Lord; any where, Lord; any time, Lord!" Such total abandonment to God's purposes will be the first step of entering into a life of faith. As Coleridge succinctly said: "**Faith is the affirmation and an act, that bids eternal truth as fact.**"

In the Old Testament, we read that as the priests proceeded to move from their wilderness experience into God's land of promise their feet followed their faith! *The feet of the priests who bore the Ark were dipped in the brim of the water . . . and the priests who bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan* JOSHUA 3:15,17. **Going out was an act of faith; going in was an act of God's faithfulness!**

Following their example, let us not make our decision based on the security of the familiar. Let us move forward in total dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries: It shall be done!

But note: Faith is not faith in faith! True faith is a living expectancy rooted in the faithfulness of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. When self is no longer at the center and circumference of life, we will gladly affirm: "Lord, of every thought and action. Lord to send and Lord to stay."

The same is true in our Christian experience as well as in our Christian service. Just as the Israelites were on the right side of the Red Sea but on the wrong side of Jordan, today, many Christians live on the right side of Calvary but on the wrong side of Pentecost! The need for many of us is to see the difference between the attitude of believism and an act of obedient faith. Faith says "I can't, but Jesus can, and I am trusting Him to be in me everything that I am not."

However, there is no contradiction between the Apostle Paul and the Apostle James. Paul commended faith that produced works. James criticized faith that precluded works. "*Even so,*" wrote James, "*faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone*" JAMES 2:17. Let us remember that God motivated action in the life of Joshua by promising: "*Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest*" JOSHUA 1:9.

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
Your wants shall be His care.

— Nahum Tate, 1652-1715

News from Kenya

Our first missionary journey to Kenya was the result of taking the early morning Bible reading at a Conference on revival sponsored by the late Dr. J. Edwin Orr at Oxford University. There we met the late missionary Dr. Bill Ghrist who said: "This is the ministry I want to introduce to my ophthalmic medical and Gospel outreach ministries in Mombasa. As our hearts were

blended together in the Lord, we accepted the invitation and subsequently went for a period of glorious ministry in this Muslim-dominated city.

Praise God, one of the locations allotted by the Government to TWR Kenya is at Voi. Voi is approximately 100 miles northwest of Mombasa and about 250 miles southeast of Nairobi. One of the containers recently shipped to transport 25,259 Bibles to Kenya is now housing the TWR FM radio facilities at Voi!

This Sifa radio station is already broadcasting from a 600 watt transmitter from Vuria Hill which is the highest point in Kenya's east province. The designated frequency, 107.7 FM signal is heard in the northern parts of Tanzania. It is also heard loud and clear in places as far away as Mombasa, Kilifi, Gasen and even Mpeketoni. The population of this coastal region is between two and three million people.



The Sifa FM Broadcast Tower at Vuria Hill, Voi.

About the effectiveness of this TWR Kenya flagship radio station we have received good news: "Dorothy's Daily Devotional' [simultaneously translated into Swahili] is aired and countless souls receive the good news of Christ through this strategic radio outreach." As a prayer and financial supporter of CCIM, you will be delighted to know that we are trusting the Lord to help in the further development of this new pioneer ministry.

Also from TWR Voi we read: "This outreach is especially needed because of the fact that almost 70% of TWR audience is Islamic and, as long as we are working in His vineyard, we are assured that He will continue to provide for the needs of His



Temporary availability of studios to initiate Voi broadcasts—awaiting permanent TWR facilities.

ministry. We may never know exactly how many people we are able to touch each and every day as we continue with this important ministry but we know that God keeps a record of every single listener that heeds His voice and turns to Him. For each of the programs we produce, we provide feedback methods and mechanism through which many listeners are able to get in touch with us and share with us about what the Lord is doing in their lives through this ministry. Many of the responses we receive move us beyond words."

Thank you again for your prayers and support for these and many other people who respond to the Lord through this CCIM outreach. It breaks our hearts to know that 75% of the people who respond to the Swahili broadcasts request a Bible. Such is the famine of Swahili Bibles in Kenya! Every Bible has to be imported. Even with very limited supplies, few precious people can afford the cost to buy their own copy. In Kenya, each imported Swahili Bible costs a minimum of \$10. Perhaps through your church, others could be urged to make more Swahili Bibles available! Together in *the fight of faith and the labor of love!*

Warmest greetings,

**Some responses from "Dorothy's Daily Devotional"
Swahili radio listeners**

Kahuhia: I am a born-again youth. I humbly wish to let you know that your program has been of great help to me since you started. In addition to this, you have made me to understand the Word of God in a better way and you also encourage me so strongly in my faith. You are my source of strength and hope. You have made me to motivate other youths to listen to this programming. – Simon

Kipkelion: Your great mission is valuable to me here in Kipkelion. You are my Church daily.

Ngiya: Thank you very much for your devotional program in Swahili. Thank you for the encouragement you give me in every broadcast. I wish to grow even more spiritually and

ask that you send to me *Your Quest for God*. – Olayo

Machakos: Your daily program has opened my eyes to the teachings of scriptures.

Karatina: I am a listener of your program which the Lord has used to minister to me. – Ann

Kitale: We continue to bless Dorothy for her heartfelt messages and request that you send me the next book, *Food for Faith*.

Kiambu: I wish to inform you that your program is of great assistance spiritually.