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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

This month Dorothy and I take pleasure in introducing Pastor Ernest Mcimbi of Natal. He is a quart in a pint size! Though very short in stature, Pastor Ernest is giant-sized in the Word of God.



With Pastor Mcimbi during ministry in Swaziland

As a young lad, and in a most remarkable way, Ernest was converted to Christ on April 12, 1963. Immediately he had a great hunger for the Word of God and zealously sought to lead his friends to Christ. It was around that time that God graciously brought the Bible recordings of the late Dr. J. Vernon McGee to his attention. Excited to learn more of God's Word, and to share what he had learned, Ernest wrote to Dr. McGee asking for his permission to translate these messages in order to teach his Zulu speaking converts. Dr. McGee gladly acceded to his request! So in spite of much opposition a church was born and a vibrant radio ministry started.

Today, Ernest Mcimbi is pastor of another large Zulu-speaking church in Natal and his daily "Through the Bible" broadcast, in the Zulu language over the Trans World Radio network, is being widely blest of God.

CCIM's Zulu Connection!

You may recall that our original plans for our African ministry included a Zulu radio rally in Natal. However, because it later transpired that extensive rioting was anticipated over that very holiday period, the local Christians deemed it wise to cancel all public gatherings. Accordingly, over those days, Pastor Mcimbi joined me in Swaziland and in his hands was a copy of the first edition of *Your Quest for God* in the Zulu language. Yes, Pastor Mcimbi has translated "*Quest*" into his mother tongue!

Because of your love and support, CCIM was privileged to

sponsor the printing of ten thousand copies of "*Quest*" in Zulu. This much needed translation will undergird Ernest's vital and fruitful ministry. In addition, God is already using this translation in significant ways among the inmates of a Durban prison.

At the time I was in Swaziland, Dorothy was in Johannesburg. One day, in her hand she held a copy of the Zulu "*Quest*." As she passed a Zulu lady—who was totally unable to speak English—this lady almost pounced on Dorothy in an effort to grab her only copy. She had read, in the only language she could understand, *Your Quest for God* and was frantic to read its contents!

When in Swaziland my ministry included the dedication of the Zulu copies of "*Quest*." It also included the dedication of the first edition of CCIM's siSwati "*Quest*" among the peoples of Swaziland. This was a special joy for me because, years ago when the radio transmitters in Swaziland commenced broadcasting, I had the privilege of being an inaugural broadcaster. In those days, when I had concluded my radio message, Dorothy would read a relevant quote from a listener's letter with her familiar introduction: "Hello, this is Dorothy . . ." Often more people would comment on Dorothy's epilogue than they did of my more lengthy exposition!

And, concurrent with our radio broadcasts twenty-three years ago, Dorothy and I were invited to the TWR headquarters in Swaziland to minister to the entire TWR staff. So you can imagine my delight when the Lord enabled me to return yet again—this time with thousands of copies of a much needed Gospel material. As we were together, Pastor Mcimbi commented, "It has been a privilege for me to translate '*Quest*.' This book is so very important for my own people as well as in Swaziland. It combines sound theology with a unique blend of effective spiritual application. It is both an antidote to heresy and signpost to Christ."



Presenting siSwati "Quest" to pastors, elders and evangelists at the TWR Swaziland headquarters

Now To The Peoples Of Swaziland

While in Swaziland it was my honor to minister at a "Voice of the Church" radio rally at the TWR headquarters. One service lasted from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with rapt attention and growing



Dedicating "Quest" at Pastor Nelson's "Voice of the Church"

numbers of attenders. Such was the hunger for the Word of God and for the reality of our risen Lord Jesus. I was also blest to go into the country to minister at a local "Voice of the Church" fellowship. I wish you could have heard the joyful exclamations of deep appreciation as I presented 10,000

copies of "Quest" in the siSwati. These books will minister as an evangelistic extension to these wide spread ministries. CCIM's "missionaries in paper covers" are God's love-gift to these precious people—and only made possible because of your prayers and faithful support through CCIM.

Yes, on your behalf, I received overwhelming expressions of gratitude from every social strata of the Swaziland culture: From of a son of the King of Swaziland; from African evangelists; from church elders; but most of all from the very poor people for whom, my messages were being translated. They were all very happy to receive a Gospel book, not only for their own instruction, but also as a vital aid to their personal evangelism. Now we ask you to join us in praying that the seed of the Word of God presently being sown among humble and spiritually hungry people will reap an abundant harvest. At the time of writing we have already received preliminary news of much blessing.



The Prince of Swaziland joyfully receives Your Quest for God

For instance, in last month's letter we told you that Dorothy recorded 80 "five minute biblical radio messages" to the ladies when at TWR Africa Regional Office. These messages are being broadcast each weekday until early December. But after the first four weeks of broadcasting, we had the good news that over six hundred ladies have responded to the Word of God and are seeking further spiritual help by requesting "Quest."

In our letter of last July, we quoted pastor Derek Carlson's letter to the President of Zimbabwe. Now it is a special joy to tell you that, among the letters received there are those from Zimbabwe—a land so devastated by political corruption, a

desperate agricultural economy, hunger and unbelievable political repression.

Yes, the Lord has wonderfully provided for all of the above missionary projects. But now, as the TWR National Directors have returned to their respective African countries—scattered across the African continent—they have a desire to translate and print *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith* in their own languages. The question then comes: how can CCIM possible meet the potential expansion of such blessing and opportunity?

TWR Ivory Coast Director Pastor Abdoulaye gladly shows to Dorothy CCIM's "Quest" in French and "Hope for the Hopeless" in Songhai and Bambara. He also testified of their wide use throughout West Africa for their radio follow-up.



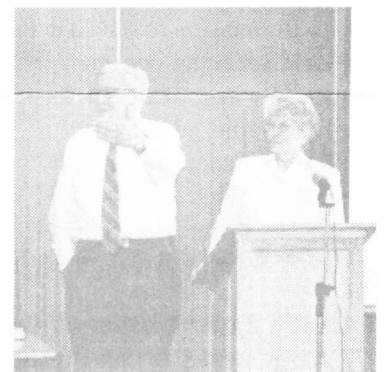
You will realize that every small gift is extremely important when we tell you that in Africa, CCIM can print a "missionary in a paper cover" for 60 cents. But, with the present potential for multiplied language opportunities, each edition of ten thousand copies would cost \$6,000! If we are to meet such opportunities please pray with us that the Lord will make unusual provisions which we can add to your own sacrificial and generous giving.

Is such an investment in the Kingdom of God worthwhile? Only our praying friends and interested parties can answer this question. One answer was shared with Dorothy and myself by a previous TWR National Director in Kenya:

"People write in response to our broadcasts with all sorts of questions which we cannot answer on an individual basis. So we send them 'Quest.' Many write back with the good news that their questions had been answered and that, in reading the book, they came to a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Similar comments were also reiterated during our recent ministry at the TWR Africa Regional Offices in South Africa. And these are only part of the whole international scene that we are asking our Lord to supply.

Prayerfully, and in His love,



Question time with TWR National Directors, South Africa

Richard and Dorothy Bennett