



# CROSS CURRENTS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

**P**aul Harvey often says, “You know the news, now for the rest of the story!”

Most of us know the recent news concerning the crises in Kenya as it has been reported by the News Media. We trust this Prayer Letter will encourage you with the positive side of the story!

First, a précis of world news reporting sharp tribal conflicts and divisions over the disputed Kenya’s election results: More than 1,000 people have been killed and 300,000 people forced from their homes since the vote.

One report tells that 9 miles from the western town of Kericho in a make-shift camp for people fleeing their homes, Red Cross official Susan Onyango reported that, in fear of continued violence 5,000 people fled leaving only 1,000 people in the camp. And such multiple media reports skim only the surface of the mutilations, human tragedies and desperation experienced by many precious Kenyans.

## **Part of an e-mail from Dorothy to Trans World Radio, Kenya Director, sister Bernice, when the violence first broke out:**

“Please encourage the staff to draw heavily upon the Lord as they rest in Him during this time of great turmoil in the nation. I am reminded of the mighty working of God during the attempted Kenyan coup over thirty years ago. Then a small group of the Lord’s people had gathered in a lonely area to fast and pray for their nation. At the end of the planned time of prayer, each person felt led to delay going home and continue in intercession. If I recall correctly, the prayer group was composed of pastors who sensed the Lord’s leading for them to fervently pray for God’s protection upon their nation.

“As you will remember the incident, the coup was defeated and the battle went from Kenya to the north. The prayer warriors attested that, during their time of great intercession, they heard a noise like that of galloping horses racing over their heads. When they returned from their prayer retreat in the bush to a populated area they discovered how Kenya had been delivered from a dreadful bloodshed.

“The reason I bring this reminder of what the Lord has done in the past is to under gird you and your staff as you give much time in believing prayer that the Lord will subdue every evil intent of man and preserve Kenya from becoming a nation like Somalia.

“Surely the Lord has raised up TWR Kenya for such an hour as this! May you redeem every opportunity to propagate the

Word of God and point to the living Lord Jesus Christ. He alone can bring deliverance for the precious believers who put their total trust in His almighty and powerful Name.

“We love you dearly and, like you, also miss Stephen Boake-Yiadom who would have been a great comfort and help at this time. However, it is the same Lord Jesus who is in you and who can assure all concerned that He is adequate in this distressful situation. Yes, He has gotten us the victory!”

## **Bernice’s response to Dorothy’s letter:**

“Our Church has just finished 7 days of prayer and fasting for the Nation, and *we are all very encouraged as the Lord spoke to us that He is going to do great things in this nation this year.* I was very encouraged by your earlier e-mail when you asked me to lead the staff to rely heavily on the Lord during this time. I led a week of prayer last week and I saw the Lord begin to minister to my colleagues who had gone through a lot of suffering during the chaos. Personally I continue to lift up my eyes to the Lord. He is the only source of help in such times. I was amazed when the President named his partial cabinet last week that the new Minister for Information and Communication is a dear brother in the Lord who is also known to me from Daystar University.”

## **TWR, Kenya blog, 2/1/08 — Triumph Through Tragedy –**

A survivor of the Kenya conflict unveils the shocking moments that changed his life:

*“All I had with me were the clothes on my back and my phone . . . By the time I left the war zone my house was swept clean by the looters, some of whom were my friends. My windows had been smashed and doors broken. They kept calling out my name and saying they had come for what belonged to them . . . After the commotion, someone occupied my house, one of the looters and his family. I cannot go back there for fear of my life. Tension is just too high.”*

“Violence has occurred in Kenya these past few weeks following the elections, leaving tragedy, fear and questions in its wake. Why? Is there a positive side to this story?

\* Kenya has never witnessed such unity among church leaders. The people of Kenya are praying, the church is leading the way. The violence has brought church leaders from every corner of this country together. Local media is awash with press conferences held in a united front of churches calling for peace. To Kenyans, this is a miracle.

Churches are now reading from the same script. Unity like what Christ wants.

- \* Churches are now holding corporate fasting and praying sessions for the country. They are praying for peace. Some churches are praying and fasting indefinitely . . . until the country is totally in a state of peace. This is positive because Christians around the country are now exercising their faith and rising up to the challenge.
- \* The present violence in Kenya is partly seen as tribal, yet forgiveness is beginning to take root in the church between difference tribal groups. *A Kikuyu or a Luo or Kalenjin or a Kamba have been seen standing, confessing the sins of his or her community in front of the church asking for forgiveness. These people are then embraced with forgiveness. This is unprecedented. Kenyans, including men who seemingly don't cry, are found weeping openly as they do this.*
- \* The Media Council of Kenya asked all media to exercise an hour of prayer. During this hour, interdenominational groups had their leaders come out to pray. Not only were radio and TV stations involved but also the leading newspapers carried the same headline . . . SAVE OUR COUNTRY. It was and is a laudable concerted effort by the Kenya press. This also is unprecedented given the cutthroat competitiveness in the media."

Over the years, as a result of the "DDD" broadcasts, thousands of Kenyans have requested our "missionaries in paper covers" resulting in testimonies of people coming to Christ or being built up in Him. Bernice wrote, "*We are realizing even more now how much this message is needed in our Land.*"

Though by far the largest supporter of Dorothy's Daily broadcasts over Kenya's National Radio network [Kenya Broadcasting Corporation] has had a financial reversal which necessitated a 75% reduction of the support. We cannot let this test of faith indicate that the time has come to cease the broadcasts. *Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give portion to seven, yes, even [divide it] to eight, for you know not what evil may come upon the earth . . . He who observes the wind [and waits for all conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap* ECCLESIASTES 12: 1, 2, 4. Amplified Bible.

A further indication came at a recent Missionary Conference where we met a lady, Martha. She had heard my ministry at Brake Bible Institute 1972. Her husband, Martin, recently built a radio mast so that TWR Kenya could develop their own site. Their missionary colleague, Ann, came to the Conference for two hours with the specific purpose of meeting Dorothy to discuss the using of the "DDD's in her own ministry. And these three precious missionaries serve the Lord through a branch of the German Diguna Mission—Biblia Husema Broadcasting.

Ann is the Presenter and Listener Response Missionary to B.H.B. and wrote: "I have heard her programs on radio in Kenya over KBC and TWR and several times on our station which broadcasts TWR each afternoon. I want to obtain copies of these

programs so I can air them in between my prerecorded radio programs."

Yes, in conjunction with Africa Inland Church, Ann's enquiry for cooperative fellowship was to extend "DDD" over other radio stations. A recent e-mail from Ann, "*It is looking like the Lord is giving us the 'green light' to return to Kenya the first part of March. This is wonderful news and we are so excited to be finally returning home and back to the work to which God has called us. This also means that I am close to connecting Dorothy's radio programs in the BHB radio programming. Praise the LORD!!!*" [Please join us in praying for this further opportunity which we trust will be without further cost for CCIM].

As we have followed the regions in Kenya where troubles have exploded in recent days, we particularly noted that some of those very areas are the ones from which we have received response letters to Dorothy's border to border Kenya Broadcasting Corporation ministry. Some of these are as follows.

In His bonds,



#### NAIROBI TWR CORRESPONDENT

Praise the Lord and Happy New Year! It is really difficult for Kenyans to wish each other Happy New Year but as Christians we are commanded to give thanks in every situation. We thank God for enabling us to cross into the year 2008 and for favoring us with another chance to serve Him in His vineyard. The year has started very well for the ministry because, despite what is taking place politically in Kenya, people are listening to this program, writing letters, sending cell messages and even visiting the office. Indeed we ought to thank God for all this because Kenya is under a lot of fear to a point that not many people are moving easily.



#### KAKAMEGA

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am a listener to your fulfilling program "Dorothy's Daily Devotional." I can testify of how this program has restored my faith in believing Jesus as Lord and Savior of my life. God bless you.



#### NYERI

Praise Jesus! I just want to tell you that your weekly program is a blessing to my entire life. I am always uplifted as you address very vital issues that affect our day to day walk with God. My prayer is that you will continue in God's strength to reach many people and encourage them also.



#### NAROK

I am a born again Christian and also I am nurse by profession working with African Inland Church Siyapei Dispensary. Every morning as we resort in our dispensary with all the six members of staff we hold a session of morning devotion and prayers. Also in my family where I stay with 4 members we have daily evening bible study. We have benefited from your daily program spiritually and we would like to request if you could send us some of the books that you have announced on the program."