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Our Dear Prayer Supporter,

This month we share *"The Marriage Supper of the Lamb"* with the glad news that in war-torn Mali, new names have been recorded in the *"Lamb's Book of Life."* Thank you for your faithful prayers and gifts that made it all possible.

When the jihadist war broke out in northern Mali, West Africa, resulting in burning of churches, murder of pastors and raping of women, CCIM was requested to translate and print *"Your Quest for God"* in the Tamasheq language. Now, twelve months later, and since the French army engaged in military action in the north, 9,500 copies of *"Your Quest for God"* are being circulated in the north by returning pastors who had fled to the south. Their prayers have been answered enabling them to return and continue their ministry among their own people. The CCIM books have already reached eleven church groups. Following are two of the testimonies:

Gossi, Mali: "I just read *"Your Quest for God"* in Tamasheq and I am completely surprised by the book. I have never heard of God in this way! I do not understand why things have become so complicated in the world and why people are forced to practice religion (Islam) without understanding even the merits of things. Your book tells me sincerely because it speaks to me in my language. God bless you and protect you and I beg you to guide me to the true God. It is useless to simply change religion without understanding. I want to know the true God and follow him. Thank you again."

Korime, Mali: "Oh, how can I express my gratitude? You cannot imagine what happens to me after reading the book *"in search of God."* I am completely shocked. I am no longer the same. I believe that Jesus came into my life. I feel it. I do not think as before and I do not act like before. I think I must openly testify to others but I am still afraid. I really need your help as I do not want to do or be like before but I also know that my family and my relations will not understand me. Pray for me!"

In His Love,

"Your Quest for God" and *"Food for Faith"* in Swahili and English are widely distributed by CCIM sponsorship throughout Kenya, Africa. As the following testimony shares, such books have resulted in considerable blessing:

"My name is Pastor Newton serving God in Kenya. I got saved in 1987 after reading your book, "Your Quest for God" all alone. I knelt down on my bed and prayed the prayer at the end of the book 3 times just to show God how serious I was. Today, I have not only brought many to Christ but also helped plant many churches. You are doing a good job. Thank you for helping to save me. Godspeed."

This month, CCIM will take another step of faith in the translation, production and airing of *"Dorothy's Daily Devotional"* program messages in the Kikuyu language. From Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, Coro FM, this Kikuyu-speaking station has a countrywide outreach for the large Kikuyu population living in all Kenya counties. Especially, will these messages reach the Meru, Embu and Chuka peoples who understand the Kikuyu language. Please read of our previous ministries among the Meru people as mentioned in our article: *"The Stick Ladies."*

It is exciting to know that TWR/Kenya are currently working on their broadcasts being heard through Internet by live streaming over TWR/Africa website. Also, on TWR/Kenya website by 'audio on demand'. This will capture the large **Kikuyu** audience in the diaspora. The Kikuyu tribe are Kenya's largest ethnic group who have settled on the fertile central highlands which they farm. The Kikuyu population number slightly over 9 million and their main economic activity is Agriculture.

Follow-up of *"Dorothy's Daily Devotional"* program in Kikuyu will be handled in similar fashion through TWR by letters, text messages, phone calls and emails from listeners across the continent. These messages will also continue to spiritually help peoples in the French, Swahili, Taita, Turkana and English languages across Africa. Praise the Lord!

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

-by Richard A Bennett

At this present perilous hour, Dorothy and I ask you to join us that He may show afresh His concept of the value of one lost soul! This month we will reflect upon *“The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.”*

Many years ago a friend told us of a very formal society Marriage Supper on the top floor of a Seattle skyscraper. Two longtime friends of the bride, who had helped with the arrangements, entered the skyscraper elevator in happy anticipation of the event, having presumed that they were invited guests. As the elevator doors opened, to their utter dismay, the Commissioner of the wedding asked for their “Invitation.” Being unable to produce such, the Commissioner obeying his directives, quickly escorted them to the servant’s elevator and sent them back to street level.

Every truly born-again believer already has the privilege of partaking at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! This acceptance was not obtained by good works, or by religious activity, or even by faithful service to a church or to a pastor. Yes, on that day of reckoning, **only those who have been washed by the Atoning Blood of the Lamb; washed from self-righteousness or overt sin; only those will be with our Heavenly Groom - unashamed and unafraid. What a Savior!**

There is also another essential. That is the need of the right attire! This attire is not the result of human beautification. Speaking to the Church at Laodicea, the Lord Jesus said, put on: *“white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear”* Revelation 3:18. This is a free gift of grace. Later we read: *“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: For the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints”* Revelation 19:7, 8.

From what source is such **righteousness found**? We read: *“But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption”* 1 Corinthians 1:30. Imputed righteousness and imparted righteousness.

But what of those people who do not possess the credentials necessary for admittance to the Marriage Supper? The Lord Jesus said very solemn words about such people: *“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth”* Matthew 22: 12,13.

Surely this eternal destiny for all lost souls should drive every one of us to our knees and loosen our lips in humble, but assured testimony, to pray for and to witness to friends, family members, neighbors and casual acquaintances: To bear witness of our Lord Jesus Christ who patiently waits for *“the precious fruit of the earth”* (James 5:7) before the Day of Grace concludes and the Day of Judgment commences.

Thank you for your prayerful response to Him and for your commitment to the many outreaches of CCIM which seeks to introduce people to Christ **at this present perilous hour.**