

Dear Friends

Greetings in the wonderful Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission Course

Immediately after my previous mission trip to Zimbabwe, I started preparing for the Great Commission Course.

The Biblical Worldview Summit was the **first phase** of the Great Commission Course and was held in Simonstown at the Rocklands campsite. Many people do not realise that we are all engaged in a world war of worldviews. Many profess to be Christians, but have humanist hearts and minds. Many Christians talk about their Spiritual armour, but never engage in battle. The purpose of the BWS is to:

- Train Christians in applying the Lordship of Jesus Christ to all areas of life (personal transformation)
- Prepare us to engage in the war of worldviews, standing against the attacks on God and the Bible. (working for Reformation)

The **second phase** was excellent academic, practical and spiritual training for missionaries who have a vision to win the world for Jesus Christ. Through many lectures, outreaches, workshops and practical activities, body, soul and spirit were prepared for ministry and exposed to very tough mission situations. Night hikes through a river in Newlands Forest and over Table Mountain, and evangelistic outreaches on the streets and at train stations were lessons on how to “Put Feet to Your Faith”. The Great Commission of Jesus Christ can never be trivialised. This is the reason why the Church exists. To reach the whole world with the whole Gospel, an army of committed and consecrated Christians are required who will fear nothing, but God, and who will give up their small ambitions to follow and obey Christ.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

During the Great Commission Course, I presented lectures and devotions, led group discussions and gave field reports on Frontline’s outreaches to Zimbabwe. I was also interviewed about the Zimbabwe Mission on two radio stations in Cape Town.

Move to Pietersburg

While Berdine and I were attending the GCC in Cape Town, Tessa and the children were preparing for our move. We faced challenges with our rental house in Potgietersrus, and found a more affordable and suitable house on a farm in Pietersburg. Our children now enjoy jogging, cycling and horseback riding on the farm.

The Kairos Course

I attended the Kairos Course which is a mission course that addresses the question: Why should any person or church be involved in missions? It challenges the modern church mindset of comfort, self-preservation, laziness and blatant disregard for the Lord Jesus Christ’s Great Commission.

Through an in-depth look at **God’s covenant** with Abraham and His people, it is revealed that God intended that His Glory should be spread among all nations.

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In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Genesis 22:18.

Seeing that God’s purpose to Glorify Himself among every nation has not changed, the Church does have a **responsibility** to engage in Missions as this is the reason for the existence of the Church. Different **mission strategies** employed by historic missionaries through the Church’s history were explored.

The remaining Mission task

facing us at this stage is daunting, but also serves as a wake-up call to the church to use its

God-given resources to reach out to a significant part of the world's population who have not yet heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

International Life Chain – 2 October

“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8-9

It was a great privilege to stand up for the life of pre-born babies here in Pietersburg along with the many other Christians around the world. Even though we are new in town, we have made friends with people who support Africa Christian Action and are keen to get involved in action items we do in the future. We were privileged to have a Frontline Mission team, who were on their way to Sudan, join us for the Life Chain. It was also a special day for our daughter, Berdine, who celebrated her 18th birthday on the side of the road with a pro-life placard, giving honour to the God who gave her life.

In general, the responses were positive; hooting, waving, and thumbs up although a few drivers and passengers shouted typical pro-abortion slogans. Some of our team handed out pamphlets to the passers-by and engaged in conversations. We saw people standing around who were reading the literature with great interest. There were quite a few young people on the streets since it also happened to be the opening of a major sports event in town and they all seemed interested and maybe even a little shocked. We concluded the outreach with a hymn and prayer and we continue to pray for the seed that was sown. It is our prayer that Pietersburg will see the light of the Gospel and that lives will truly be transformed!

‘All Africa Student Convention’

I was privileged to attend the AASC of the Accelerated Christian Education with Michelle. She submitted three entries: Scripture memory, a sewing project and a PowerPoint presentation. 1,800 senior students from many countries in Africa took part in this convention, competing in sports, platform events, art and crafts, academic competitions, etc. Michelle was awarded a gold medal for memorising the Gospel of John and a silver medal for her sewing project. She made herself a skirt and blouse. We are also very proud of her PowerPoint on Adoption for which she got a 75% score. It was very precious to spend this time together.

Mission to South Sudan

“Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.” Hebrews 13:3

Frontline Fellowship has been serving the persecuted church in Sudan for the past 16 years during the devastating war between the Arab North and the Christian South. Dr. Peter Hammond, Director of FF documented many of the atrocities of the war in the three editions of his bestselling book, ***Faith Under Fire In Sudan***. (It can be ordered from Christian Liberty Books admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za) This book has been an invaluable tool in bringing the suffering of the Sudanese Christians in the South of Sudan to the uninformed Western Christians and secular world's attention.

On 9 July 2011, South Sudan became an independent country and ministry opportunities have become innumerable. This is why Frontline Fellowship has tried everything in its power to send Mission teams with tons of Bibles and Christian literature on an Overland Mission outreach to South Sudan. God very faithfully provided and a team has been deployed, who is presently ministering in the newest country in Africa. Enough funds have come in to send only one team at this time, however, another Mission to South Sudan is planned for early next year, of which I will form part, DV.

Vehicle upgrade

In view of my future involvement in the Overland Mission outreaches to Sudan, I am preparing my Land Rover for the harsh terrain. The vehicle must be able to negotiate the extremely bad roads and numerous river crossings safely, and has to “go the extra miles” with long-range fuel tanks. I still need to upgrade the suspension system and fit a winch. Thank you very much to those who have contributed towards the South Sudan Mission outreach.

Upcoming Mission

Although I did not go on the outreach to South Sudan this time round, a Frontline missionary, John, and I will soon be leaving on an extended Mission outreach. Lord willing. We are scheduled to conduct Chaplain Training and Evangelism Workshops, Muslim Evangelism Workshops, Biblical Worldview Seminars, and Discipleship Training Seminars for pastors and leaders in numerous towns. We will be donating Bibles, Chaplain's Prayerbooks and Handbooks, and other books and Gospel tracts to pastors and leaders, as well as *'Boxes with Love'* to struggling pensioners. Gauging by the many invitations for ministry received from pastors, it is obvious that there is a great hunger and need for Bible teaching and Leadership training.

We have been spending many days and hours in preparation for this Mission outreach. Please pray for our safety and for God's anointing as we travel and minister to our Brothers and Sisters, who are still suffering.

Thank you very much and may God bless you.

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