

AUGUST 2008

Rolling Stone Ministries

An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it...

The angel said, "...He is not here; He has risen." Matthew 28:2, 5-6

It is hard to believe that we are in August already. Laurie and I will be returning to California later in the month.

Iowa has been a wonderful respite, even though we have to endure occasional weather that we don't have in California, such as last Sunday night when it rained nine inches overnight. Any more rain and I expected to see the animals lined up two-by-two.

I am working on two books presently, but the newest one should be finished first. My working title is "Text Messages From God," and my approach is to present God's plan as if He were text messaging someone on their cell phone, telling them who He is, why He created the universe, and what His plan is.

I had the opportunity to preach the first message at Faith Bible Church, which is the congregation that split off from the local Brethren Church due to the denomination departing from biblical truth in crucial areas (e.g., salvation through Jesus alone, the nature of marriage as being between a man and woman, etc.). I told them that my home church in California went through a similar experience years ago, and as a result became an independent Presbyterian Church. Preparing for that message allowed me to dig deeper into the subject of faith, which is the focus of the book I began last summer. I will look forward to sharing insights with my Sunday School class in California when Laurie and I return.

Laurie and I were also invited to join a conference call between 170 churches and the leaders behind Proposition 8, the California marriage amendment. The troops are mobilizing, and we hope you will do what you can to support this amendment.

Finally, we are blessed to now be offering scholarships to worthy students at the Manna Bible Institute in Kenya. Four students will be receiving scholarships from RSM at this time, plus we are providing a stipend to one of the teachers to serve as librarian for the books RSM just sent to the school. All you RSM supporters have played a role in getting these scholarships and Bible study materials to our needy friends in Africa. Bwana Asifiwe!

We appreciate your prayers and on-going support of RSM. Thank you for partnering with us, as we seek to make a difference in the world, for Jesus' sake.

John

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WEB DESIGNER TO BUILD RSM WEBSITE



MANNA BIBLE INSTITUTE: EDUCATION AS A MEANS OF EVANGELISM

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19

Manna Bible Institute’s mission is to develop future pastors and church leaders for East Africa. Students come from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and Zanzibar. Manna trains pastors from a variety of evangelical churches, providing a certificate that verifies that they are qualified to preach and pastor in local churches. The curriculum allows the students to have a work/study program, attending classes for several weeks and then returning home to work and gather funding for the next year’s program. Manna’s program provides the essential coursework necessary to spread the Word of God according to sound doctrine. Pastor George Muguro is the Principal. John Stewart was blessed to teach classes in Apologetics and Church History at Manna in the spring of 2007 and 2008.

Manna is located about 6 miles west of Nairobi, Kenya. The 40 acre campus contains classrooms, dormitories, a kitchen, an administrative building, and a well producing safe drinking water. Students attend at different times of the year because most of the students come from very far and live in the rural interior of Kenya and surrounding countries. Additionally, the school has only one dormitory, and therefore cannot accommodate all the students at the same time. The exceptions are called “Marathon” students who study continuously throughout the year.

The students and their families make great sacrifices to attend Manna Bible Institute. Some families have little food and some students face rejection from family members who do not know the Lord. Below is the story of one graduate.

“Pastor Kendrick had God’s calling for the mission field, but he was struggling with this calling cause he did not know where to begin in ministry, and also because a of his low academic qualifications. Not having achieved the qualifications needed to be in a college, he wondered if he would ever be trained in a Bible school to be equipped for ministry. When he heard about Manna Bible Institute, he applied to be a student and was immediately admitted. When Kendrick came to the Bible school, in the school of missions, God’s vision in his life became clear—reaching out to an exclusive people-group known as Nubians in a place known as Kibera. Nubians are predominantly Muslims known. He got trained in how to reach the unreached people group and also how to evangelize to the Muslims in a loving and caring way.

When he went to the Nubian community, Kendrick and his wife lived like them and both wore ‘Bui-Bui’, a special Muslim cloth that makes one look like a Muslim. Every time the Muslims would go to the mosque to pray, he would go with them, but he would pray in the Name of Jesus. He and his wife started to have Muslim friends and he would invite them to his house for a cup of coffee and they would talk about the day-to-day life issues. During their discussions, some of His friends would start talking about the problems they were encountering or a sickness or a need they had. At that time, Kendrick would kindly ask if He could pray to His God concerning their problems and, with ease, the Muslim friends would accept. After the prayers, there was tangible evidence of miracles that had happened due to the prayers using the Name of Jesus.

As a result of this prayers and a lot of love to this Muslim community, he has won many Muslims to Jesus. He uses the method that he was taught at the Bible school, known as ‘friendship evangelism.’ Because his house is too small for the gatherings of all his Muslim friends, Pastor Kendrick is planning to build a structure in Kibera that will look like a school. The real purpose of the structure is to be a ‘Church gathering place.’ He cannot build the structure with a cross on top but wants to begin like a school, so that he can start a tailoring/carpentry school. In the evenings, will be a place of worship to the True God, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful ministry of Pastor Kendrick.”

ADOPT A MANNA STUDENT

Pastor George Muguro at Manna Bible Institute has identified four worthy prospective students in great need of tuition assistance:

- ♥ Brother Johnson Nina (an elder in George’s church)
- ♥ Sister Lilian Njuguna (George has known for 8 years and says “many pastors even in Nairobi know about God's call upon her life”)
- ♥ Brother Martin
- ♥ Pastor Michael



Two are interested in the 3 year English program and two are interested in the 3 year Swahili program. Both the English and Swahili programs meet 3 times a year for 3 weeks at a time. Tuition, room and board is approximately \$100 per session based on the current exchange rate, or \$300 a year. RSM has provided scholarships to all four students. If you would like to adopt one of these students or contribute to the ongoing RSM Scholarship Fund, please see below and contact RSM as soon as possible to make provisions for them.

PARTNER WITH RSM

There are multiple ways you can partner with RSM. Select any that fit your desire.

Prayer Partner

Manna Bible Institute Scholarship (circle one)

General RSM Scholarship Fund or **Adopt a Manna Student (name: _____)**

I am interested in the 2009 Summer Work & Witness Team Mission Trip to Kenya

Treasure Builder (i.e. monthly donation partner) (circle one)

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

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2009 Summer Work & Witness

Team Mission Trip to Kenya

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

RSM is planning a summer mission trip to Kenya and desires to take a team of people to:

- ♥ Build a home for adoptive parents of orphans
- ♥ Teach Vacation Bible School (and teach others how to do VBS)
- ♥ Perform medical services
- ♥ Spread the Gospel

Contact RSM today for more information!