

# Rolling Stone

## ministries

*"An angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it... And the angel...said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who as been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen just as He said.'" Matthew 28:2, 5-6*

Newsletter

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### KENYA REPORT

We returned in early May from our sixth annual teaching trip to Africa, blessed from the opportunities we had to speak and encourage believers in Kenya as well as present an intelligent Christian faith to non-believers.



We have come to "expect the unexpected" when we travel to East Africa, and this trip was no exception. We arrived during a rain storm, and it rained every day, a seasonal event that refreshes the parched earth, but also makes traveling treacherous.



Sadly, the day after we arrived, as we began a three-hour drive to Lake Nakuru to speak at Kabarak University Chapel for the former President of Kenya, we drove past a horrendous accident where a truck had hit a matatu (passenger van used for public transportation), killing 13 of the 14 occupants in the matatu. It was a grim reminder of the dangers of the road, and also the uncertainty of life. Are we ready to meet the Lord if we were suddenly called home?



After traveling to Lake Nakuru and back, driven by our good friend Bishop Samuel Munai, we settled in to a comfortable room at a compound for Christian workers a minute's drive from Manna Bible Institute where John has taught pastors and church leaders the previous five years. This time, in addition to the standard program for pastors, Manna was

hosting a week-long seminar on children's ministry where Laurie would teach for five days on Worldview. So popular was this seminar that nearly 50 people showed up from all over Kenya. That was the good news.



The bad news is that there were not enough beds to accommodate all those who had arrived, so the first night of the seminar we went out in the rain and haggled with vendors to buy three bunk bed sets (all we could find) and two decent cots. Rolling Stone Ministries was blessed to provide these and other items desperately needed by the Bible school. Even with the eight extra beds, many of the attendees of the children's ministry seminar had to share a bed, but no one complained, as our African brothers and sisters have learned to get by with very little. (cont. on p. 2)





(Cont. from p. 1) The first three days we taught at Manna Bible Institute, John, after teaching five hours, also spoke for an hour each day at a nearby church where a conference on evangelism was taking place. During the week Laurie also spoke to the Manna students at morning chapel service.



That Sunday John spoke at two services at All Nations Gospel Church in the South-B area of Nairobi. During the second service, as John was about to speak, it was announced that at a church about two miles away a grenade had been thrown into the sanctuary, killing at least one person and wounding more than a dozen. The U.S. Embassy in Nairobi had warned us via email that a terrorist attack could be imminent, as the Al Shabbaz faction of al-Qaida was continuing to target Kenya due to Kenya's army being present on the Somali border to prevent armed incursion into Kenya.



The following week John appeared on Truth F.M., perhaps the fastest growing Christian radio station in Kenya. Afterwards, the station manager invited John to consider doing a regular show on Truth F.M., which could be recorded in the U.S. then sent via the internet to Kenya for broadcast. We are excited about this opportunity, and are working through the details to see if it is practically and financially feasible to pursue this unique possibility.

We appreciate your prayers for safety and your interest in the work of Rolling Stone Ministries. Your financial partnership made possible RSM purchasing beds, cots, kitchen appliances and solar lights for Manna Bible Institute. After our return RSM wired additional funds to Manna to help pay for pressing repair needs. Pastor George Muguro, the Principal of Manna, expressed his heartfelt thanks to us and to the supporters of Rolling Stone Ministries for the approximately three thousand dollars RSM provided for furnishings, equipment, and repairs at Manna.



As our discussions continue with Truth F.M. regarding RSM having a regular (either weekly or even daily) radio presence in Kenya, we will keep you updated, and advise as to how you can help us reach the most people possible with an intelligent Christian faith.

Blessings, *John*



## WORLDVIEW

By Laurie Stewart

On our recent trip to Kenya, I had the privilege of teaching Worldview to almost 50 youth ministry leaders at Manna Bible Institute. None had ever heard of the concept of "worldview." By the end of the week, they were excited to have learned we can approach any of life's questions if we examine them through the lenses of Scripture.

*Just what is this new buzz word "worldview"?*

"Worldview" is a term borrowed from a German word that literally translates as "a way of looking at the world." A "biblical worldview" is a way to understand the existence of God, the nature of reality, the existence of absolute truth, the moral and ethical implications of these and other primary questions, through the general and special revelation of Christianity.

Having a biblical worldview is one of the most important subjects Christians need to understand and we need to teach it to our youth. In the introduction to *Thinking Like a Christian*, Josh McDowell emphatically states, "At this very moment we are in the center of one of the greatest, deepest, and most rapid cultural changes ever in recent history...that is, ideas about the meaning and purpose of life that are based on man's perspective instead of on God's. The challenge for you and me is to prepare a new generation of Christians who can understand the times and who will know what to do. This means showing them that being a Christian is more than just having a personal experience with God—it means seeing all of life in light of God's truth. It means developing a consistent biblical worldview."

If you want to learn more about how having a biblical worldview, visit: [www.thetruthproject.org](http://www.thetruthproject.org) . Learn and teach others.

*"In God's light we see light." Psalm 36:9*

# Stand Up for Religious Freedom

Earlier this year, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services unveiled a new policy now known as the “HHS Mandate.” The new Mandate would require nearly all private health insurance plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, surgical sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs—drugs that interfere with implantation in the womb and therefore destroy the life of a human being in the earliest stage of development. This Mandate is the result of Affordable Care Act, commonly known as “Obamacare,” passed in 2010. Although the HHS Mandate provides an exemption for “religious employers,” the exemption is so narrow, most religious institutions providing health, educational or charitable services will have no protection.

On February 10, 2012, responding to intense opposition from a broad spectrum of religious institutions all over the country, President Obama announced there would be an “accommodation” for religious institutions opposed to facilitating practices contrary to their moral teachings through their employee health plans. In the so-called accommodation, insurance companies—not the religious employers themselves—would be forced to pay for the abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception. However, since any funds the insurance companies would use to make such payments ultimately come from the premiums paid by employers, the “accommodation” is nothing more than a kind of economic shell-game.

The HHS Mandate violates freedom of conscience, a right that is guaranteed by the First Amendment and even several federal laws. The right to practice one’s religious beliefs is protected by The Bill of Rights. The Obama administration’s attempt to force all Americans to buy coverage for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion, is a radical incursion into freedom of conscience.

Christians across the country are rising up in response to this unprecedented attack on religious liberty, freedom of conscience and the sanctity of life. Learn how you can get involved by speaking out and signing petitions by visiting: <http://standupforreligiousfreedom.com> (Information from Stand Up For Religious Freedom)

## PARTNER WITH ROLLING STONE MINISTRIES

We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with RSM today. When you offer support, you partner with RSM in the mission field and share in building the Kingdom. Becoming a Treasure Builder (a monthly partner with RSM) will go a long way to provide for basic needs to help minister more effectively to fulfill the Great Commission: *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19-20*



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# Online Radio Ministry



As most of you are aware, John hails from a background of years of extensive radio ministry. In the United States, he formerly co-hosted the nationally-syndicated radio program “The Bible Answerman” with the late Walter Martin, and hosted his own nationally-syndicated radio show, “John Stewart Live.” He also was the afternoon-drive radio host of “John Stewart Live” and “Live from L.A.” on KKLA-fm, and KBRT-am in Southern California. In addition to his radio ministry experience in America, John has appeared on various radio stations in Kenya numerous times, speaking the truth of Scripture and applying it to the cultural issues facing the church today.

During his recent trip to Kenya with Laurie, John was approached by one of the fastest growing Christian radio stations in Nairobi about hosting his own program, either daily or weekly. Please join us in prayer as we consider whether RSM should pursue this is a new opportunity to expand its ministry. There are many details to consider, including equipment needed to record the radio programs (John could record from anywhere in the world and send his program through email to the radio station), creating a website to archive all John’s new radio shows, and possibly live-streaming the radio show. If the Lord confirms this new direction, we will trust Him to provide the resources needed to purchase equipment, create the online resource, and compensate John for his time. We would love to hear your feedback about this new opportunity. Feel free to email us through our website at <http://www.rollingstoneministries.com/contact.aspx> or post your comments on Rolling Stone Ministries’ Facebook page. We thank you for your support and look forward to hearing from you.

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