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Fruit!

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*Dear Ministry Partners,*

Thank you so much for your faithfulness which has been rewarded with some very encouraging and surprising fruit this month. We have more to report this month than we can fully explain on a single page, so have reduced each bit of news to a bullet point to get it all in.

- Villa Road Baptist Church-Pastor Karl called, very excited, a couple of weeks back to report that, though he had started Sunday morning pretty discouraged because 5 faithful members had informed him they would be unable to attend, he was overwhelmed with joy because 6 unexpected visitors from 3 families walked in during service each indicating they had every intention of returning. He's now having to work out how to establish a teen class. Please pray the Lord will move someone already in the church to step forward to help him accomplish that.
- Burkina Faso (Evangel Baptist Church)-Pastor Samuel (Village of Ronsin-Koupela) messaged me to inform me he wanted to call to ask permission to trade a piece of land I had left behind for three other properties in three different villages because he had three pastors he had trained who were ready to start churches. I immediately responded that no permission was necessary. Though we were well aware that Samuel was having success training both men and women to teach Sunday School and men to preach, we were not aware they had advanced that far. His reproducing himself is exactly what we believe fulfilling the Great Commission is supposed to look like! Please pray the Lord would make working out the details uncomplicated and that He would give those three men fruit for their efforts.
- Medical Leave-We learned when home on our last brief furlough that Tammy needed cataract surgery, and soon, but were unable to schedule a pre-surgery consultation until October. That being the case, we will be taking a Medical Leave beginning on October 17<sup>th</sup> that we anticipate will last until the end of December. We have also scheduled several other follow-up appointments for other medical issues we have been unable to fit into our schedule. We're not experiencing any major issues, but have had some minor nagging issues we just haven't been able to have addressed. A shortage of medical personnel and a limited number of doctors who will accept our health insurance has made our doing required check-ups and getting treatment far more complicated than it once was.
- Puerto Rico-Tammy and I have received support from a great church in Puerto Rico for many years now, but have never had the opportunity to meet the congregation in person. We have attempted to make plans to do so in the past, but the flight from Jamaica to Puerto Rico is more than 4 times as expensive as flying from the States, so once we have a firm date for Tammy's surgery, we intend to schedule a quick trip to thank those faithful people for their investment in our ministry both in Burkina Faso and Jamaica. Please pray we would be able to work out the logistics. This church represents a unique success in Caribbean ministry and we want to do everything possible to encourage the people and their pastor.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and Lord Bless Your Work!

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