

1. THE LORD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE PEOPLE TO GO TO THE MISSION FIELD TO BUILD UP HIS BODY OF BELIEVERS. WE ARE CURRENTLY OPENING UP RWANDA & MALAWI FOR ABWE WITH TWO FANTASTIC MISSIONARY UNITS.
2. WE HAVE SOME VERY SPECIFIC PERSONNEL NEEDS ON A COUPLE DIFFERENT TEAMS! PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL SUPPLY OUR NEEDS AND FILL SOME KEY TEAM LEADER POSITIONS.
3. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES' SAFETY IN DANGEROUS AREAS IN AFRICA. PRAY FOR PEACE AND BOLDNESS IN THEIR MINISTRIES AND PERSONAL TESTIMONY.

The Body of Christ:

Adding Missionaries and Maturing the Believers

There is so much to unpack in Ephesians 4:11-16 about the body of Christ and all our different roles in it. In Him we each have different gifts and work together through the skills and talents that He Himself has given us. But what are we to use them for? Verse 12 says that we are to use these gifts to equip His people for works of service. It goes on to say that this is actually building up the body of Christ. So the Lord uses His body to build up His body. Like those workouts that only use your own muscles and your own body weight for resistance, we too are to build up all parts of the body. This is part of our purpose and our calling.

I think of the people I've met in Africa as I read on into verse 13. We are to be used by the Lord so that the rest of the body doesn't have to be infants anymore. There are so many people looking for any kind of hope they can find, and they are indeed "tossed back and forth by waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming." But how will they know unless the true body of Christ—people like you and me—are there to tell them?



Our newest missionary from Togo!!



The Kirby's and guests from East Africa

We are instead to speak the truth in love to mature the whole body with Christ as our head. What a beautiful picture! Yet, there are places that are being deceived and wanting the truth. There are fields that we simply cannot find people to go to that desperately are asking for the Gospel. In a world that is urgently seeking the truth, we are looking for people to go proclaim it.

Since our last newsletter, our time has been filled with training and interviewing people that are answering the Lord's call to "go" and preach the Gospel. These new missionaries desire to share the Good News and build up His body!



Jackie teaching some of the MKs art class

Ephesians 4:16

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

ABWE GO

Africa

Finishing up the summer, we hosted three families as they start and continue their journey to the field. One family will be ABWE's first missionaries to Malawi. The other two are going through training a second time because they each found a spouse to bring along on this incredible adventure. Isn't the Lord so faithful in giving us amazing partners to help us persevere in His service?

I was able to interview a young couple who are currently serving with Samaritan's Purse and want to come on with ABWE as full-time missionaries to Togo. I also traveled to Iowa for another doctrinal interview. This time it was with a new missionary who has the Rwandan people in her heart. I'm particularly excited about this new partnership, because her sending church has a vision of continual church-planting in Rwanda through national sister churches.

I also took a trip to Texas to meet up with some of the most amazing missionaries I have ever met. As they are back in the States on furlough, we had to meet to get a game plan together for the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that we have in Uganda. We need to make sure that we are in compliance with all the country regulations as well as ensure that our missionaries can continue to receive the necessary visas to stay in-country. We also worked on plans to expand their team and get ready to receive two more families!

The Lord is faithful! Please pray that He sends more people to build up the body of Christ!

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