

From Safaa Fahmi in Egypt:

*Spirit of Cooperation*

Safaa reported that the President of Egypt has asked all religious groups to hold their services and training events inside designated church properties for short term. There are thousands of front organizations supporting the Muslim Brotherhood and their efforts to turn Egypt into a radical Islamic state who are funneling money into Egypt. Safaa has confidence in the President and his efforts to choke off these funds. He anticipates that we will be able to use our facilities in the coming months. Since CAS has no church buildings, Safaa must count on his good relationship with existing church groups to continue his expanding teaching program.



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**Robert Mwangala** is a mission worker living in Voi, Kenya. His forwarding agent is Brian Markley. Brian and the directors of Discipleship Ministries International, desire to bring Robert to the U.S. for reporting to churches and hopefully gaining new supporters. There is a need for some additional financial support to get this done. CCC regularly supports Robert as do a few other churches and individuals. This man is a hard worker for the church in Kenya and Brian and Nolan help oversee the work. Here is their plan to gain some extra support for this partner of CCC:

*Dear Friends & Partners,*

In the past, I have been very hesitant to issue any financial pleas. However, recently two of DMI's main financial supporters have retired from the workforce, which has reduced their contributions to the ministry. Money has been very tight for the last few months, but God has continued to provide, and we have been able to continue to send \$400 per week to Robert to support his ministry. We have been experiencing an \$800 a month shortfall, which is being made up by some of our board members at the expense of giving to their local churches. I am issuing a request to 20 families or individuals who would commit to donating \$40 per month to Robert's ministry. These commitments, along with current support from churches and individuals, would keep the ministry financially healthy for the time being.

I have also start a *GoFundMe* account in the hope of bringing Robert and his wife, Monica, to the States to reconnect with current donors, and to arrange visits to possibly partner with new mission-minded donors. We are attempting to raise \$3000 to cover airfare to and from Kenya, and to cover transportation costs in the States. All meals and lodging will be provided by friends. The link is: [www.gofundme.com/2sdwsf8](http://www.gofundme.com/2sdwsf8).



I would ask that you prayerfully consider financially partnering with DMI so Robert can continue to preach the Gospel in Kenya, and help desperately needy families with healthcare and education.

If you have an questions, please contact me at 765/994-8158 or [bsclmarkley@juno.com](mailto:bsclmarkley@juno.com)

Sincerely,

Brian Markley, President of Discipleship Ministries International

**Matt Schantz from New Churches of Christ Evangelism**, a church planting organization writes this:

*Dear Family and Friends,*

This election cycle may be the worst I have ever seen in terms of civil discourse. The rancor and mudslinging has taken us to new lows of decency. I watched the recent Presidential debate hoping to hear a discussion of the issues, but it felt more like the Jerry Springer show than a serious conversation about the future of our nation.

It is in times like these that I remind myself that, while I am an American, I am first and foremost part of a different kingdom; a kingdom with a different kind of Leader and a different kind of agenda. Jesus demonstrated respect to the political leaders of His day, as should we, but His loyalty and fidelity were first and foremost to His heavenly Father. His life was utterly submitted to His Father's will. And He came to earth with a simple but costly agenda- to seek and save that which is lost. He could have lorded it over us, or told us about His greatness, but instead He defined leadership by getting down on His knees and washing feet. He demonstrated His commitment to His disciples not through grandiose statements of what He would do, but by what He did: dying on the cross on our behalf.

This country will not be saved by a political messiah in Washington, DC. That was determined a long time ago on a cross at Calvary. This country will be saved when Christ followers like you and I get serious about discipling the nations. If we could start a movement of making disciples who in turn make disciples, then life-giving churches would be formed all over our nation and world. These new centers of love and influence serve as lighthouses to a watching world that there is indeed a living God who loves and cares for them, who gives us hope and purpose, who teaches us to love our neighbor, pray for our enemies and give generously to those in need. This is the kind of radical movement that would make America great again. This is the mission of New Churches of Christ Evangelism. We seek to catalyze a discipleship movement in our region that leads to churches being planted and multiplied at an unprecedented rate.

Now is the time to pray for God to raise up laborers in His harvest field. Next month, I am starting a small group with young leaders who will meet monthly to pray, learn and seek the face of God for our region. Pray that from this huddle God would raise up bold men of impact who will make a difference in the lives of those around them. May they be spiritual entrepreneurs who are willing to experience the risk of following God into the unknown. Your prayers and support make it possible for this kind of group to take place.

In the midst of all this negativity, let's remember our positive message of hope. God is in charge. He is working His will toward a great conclusion when Jesus himself will come back from the heaven to reunite with His church. Personally, I can't wait. But while we're here, let's work hard at doing what He told us to do: Follow and Fish.

Thank you!

Matt

**From Will Walls**, a ministry counselor to located ministers and missionaries.

One of the rich experiences of doing missionary care is visiting at the "kitchen table" listening to these global workers. I like to ask, "What is an insight you have received recently that keeps you going?" With more than 200 missionaries working in 27 countries, I get a variety of answers. Here are a few of my favorite responses:

"You can take God seriously; you can take the Gospel seriously; but don't take yourself too seriously."

"It isn't faith if you know what's going to happen next!"

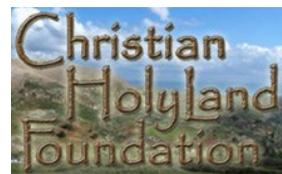
"Plan as though Jesus is not coming back for 100 years, live as though He is coming tomorrow!"

"Remembering keeps our feet on solid ground when we pass through storms and provides focus to see the world as we should. Remembering Who brought us here and how He provides for us, keeps our hearts thankful and humble."

More than fifty years ago when Ruth and I were living in Eastern Canada, there were times when home seemed so far away. But I knew from my hometown preacher, "That at every meeting of the church someone prays for you." That was such an encouragement to me and Ruth. With that in mind, let me ask you to pray for the missionaries that you know.

**Here is a partial list** of some of the mission works we support:

**Tim & Twyla Bright**- Bright Outreach, working with Team Expansion as trainers and support personnel.



The Christian HolyLand Foundation- a church planting and training organization working in Israel, mainly with Arabs.

Gospel Broadcasting Mission- a producer and enabler of Christian radio programs around the world. Working especially in Southeast Asia.

TCM International Institute- a training organization that educates church leaders in Eastern Europe.



Johnson University- a Bible college.

From Johnson University:

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to impact eternity through your gift to Johnson University this month. Your gifts make it possible for Johnson students to get an academically rigorous and biblically grounded education that prepares them to impact eternity for Christ.

I recently read the summer issue of "The Waypoint Endeavor." This is the quarterly newsletter update from Waypoint Church Partners, a church planting/partnering organization doing great things in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States for more than 20 years. Their state side ministry efforts include works in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Additionally, they are involved with several international church planting efforts.

Why am I pointing to another ministry organization in this letter of thanks for your support of Johnson? The answer is simple. Waypoint's staff includes Johnson University graduates Dave Hileman (associate director), Neil Wheeler (director of leader care), and Rachel Woolard (director of media). Through their efforts, churches are planted and church leaders are strengthened. A Johnson education contributed to the preparation of these individuals for the work in which they are now involved.

Graduates like these are the reason Johnson University exists. While students are the most direct beneficiaries of your congregations' support, it is the eternal impact of Johnson graduates that is the most important outcome of your generosity. Your gift to Johnson reaches around the world through ministries like Waypoint.

Waypoint established the Marion Harris Young Leaders Scholarship to help their church plants hire interns who show great promise as Christian leaders. Five of the last eight recipients of this scholarship are Johnson University graduates. Is that a coincidence or is it a testimony to the great educational experience students enjoy at Johnson University?

If you are like me, the answer is obvious. Your support shows the trust you place in the University to prepare students to be leaders in the Lord's church. Your trust is well placed as students and alumni like these go out from Johnson with a passion to extend the Kingdom and impact eternity. Thank you for your involvement in this important work!

God bless you!

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