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Heading Home from Africa

Sigi and I are sitting in the airport in Windhoek, Namibia waiting to catch our plane to Johannesburg, South Africa, and then head on home to Atlanta tomorrow. We were thankful for the three different meetings in Windhoek that brought exposure to women leaders, business people and pastors from different churches. Namibia has only two million people but three hundred thousand AIDS orphans. One woman minister told us that they are in great need for more volunteers to help with the orphans.

We have seen a lot of Africa this trip, driving over 5000 kilometers in South Africa alone, having a variety of meetings in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Secunda, Rustenburg, and Durban. With a new President about to take office, there is some uneasiness in the hearts of some people about whether this transition period will bring greater stability or that crime and corruption and economic problems will grow on a greater scale. But as we spoke to pastors and individuals in different churches, we were encouraged by those who have a strong vision to make an impact on the future of South Africa through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kenya

It took nine hours to drive four hundred and twenty kilometers to the remote rural area in south-western Kenya. The main route that we traveled had just opened after political unrest and violence had forced many roads to close. Over a thousand people had been killed and over three hundred women raped in the frenzy of the previous two months. Check points had been set up at various points along the main highway that we traveled. Dozens of trucks crowded the road to try to bring their goods to needy businesses. Detours and potholes became a real challenge. We prayed that our 4x4 vehicle would not break an axle or blow a tire due to the poor conditions. We had arrived just in the calm of the storm, but evidence of the conflict was everywhere. Whole sections of some villages were burned to the ground, and one could sense that anything could happen at any time. Traveling with Sigi and I were two friends: June Croon from New York, and our senior pastor's daughter, Nicole Boone, who has a training center for students in South Africa. Both are no strangers to traveling on the mission field, but this trip had added pressure with the uncertainties we faced. They were both troopers to take the challenge.

As we shared in the last newsletter, it was a dream that started the wheels in motion. We came to Kenya because we believed that God had heard the cry of a pastor's wife, Alice, who saw in her dream a vision of a woman preaching to her over the phone. She

knew this woman was a great distance from her home. She wrote, "I could not hear unless I used the phone. The name I heard was Sigi. I could hear her (Sigi) repeating this name saying, 'I'm Sigi, I'm Sigi!' The mystery disturbed my mind for two full weeks. Finally I called the intercessory prayer team and after two days of praying, the Lord advised me through His Holy Spirit to do some surfing on the internet using the name, *Sigi Ministries*. To my surprise after one click I found the website." The Book of Acts is still being written, and God is faithful to bring His message to those that are hungry and have faith.

We spent three days at Bethel Church with Pastor Nelson and Alice. Everything spoken earlier by email was now confirmed by their words and their lives. We could see that they had a good relationship and a big family of eight children. They never had anyone come to minister to them in the rural area where they lived. They care for more than a hundred orphans that are victims of AIDS parents. There are eight volunteer teachers that work with no salary, and a small number of widows help with fund raising to provide for the orphans. The intercessory prayer team goes up in the mountains to pray and fast for days at a time. Many people were afraid to come to any kind of gathering due to the unrest, but the ones that came were drinking in everything they could receive. Since that time Pastor Nelson & Alice emailed us and said ten people have come to salvation as a result of our meetings. Most of those ten were not even in the meeting but over heard the preaching outside as they were walking on the street. We are thankful to God for leading us supernaturally by the Holy Spirit and for protecting us from the dangers around. Why was Sigi in a woman's dream? Perhaps it was because Sigi was willing to go. Thank you to all of you who have been praying and supporting us in our travels. We know that you have been instrumental in making the preaching of the gospel possible throughout the world.

In His Love - Sigi, David & Christel

2008 Upcoming Schedule

April 9-15 Norway

April 16 – May 22 Germany

May 23 – June 2 London Uk

June –

7-8 – Sat & Sun AM & PM – Victory Fellowship – Little Rock AR – Pastor Paul Doherty – Tel 501 562 1173

22 – Sun 10 AM – Latter Rain Ministries – Islip NY – Pastor Gilbert Plantery – Tel 631 813 1078

22 – Sun 6:30 PM – Bread of Life World Outreach Center – 325 Wyandanch Ave – North Babylon NY – Apostle Randy Brown – Tel 631 253 2117 – www.TheBread.org

29 – Sun 11:15 AM – Love & Mercy Fellowship – Pastor Deborah Mitchell - 1420 Union Blvd - Bay Shore NY – Tel 631 969 7968

18-19 - Tues & Wed 7 PM – Living Waters Fellowship – Nazareth PA – Pastor Milfred & Renee Hoyle – Tel 610 759 3856 – lwfellowship@gmail.com

July –

1-2 - Tues & Wed 7 PM – Faith Center Church – Meriden CT – Pastor Maddaline Norfleet – Tel 203 812 9212