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TEARFUL PLANTING by Mike Jones

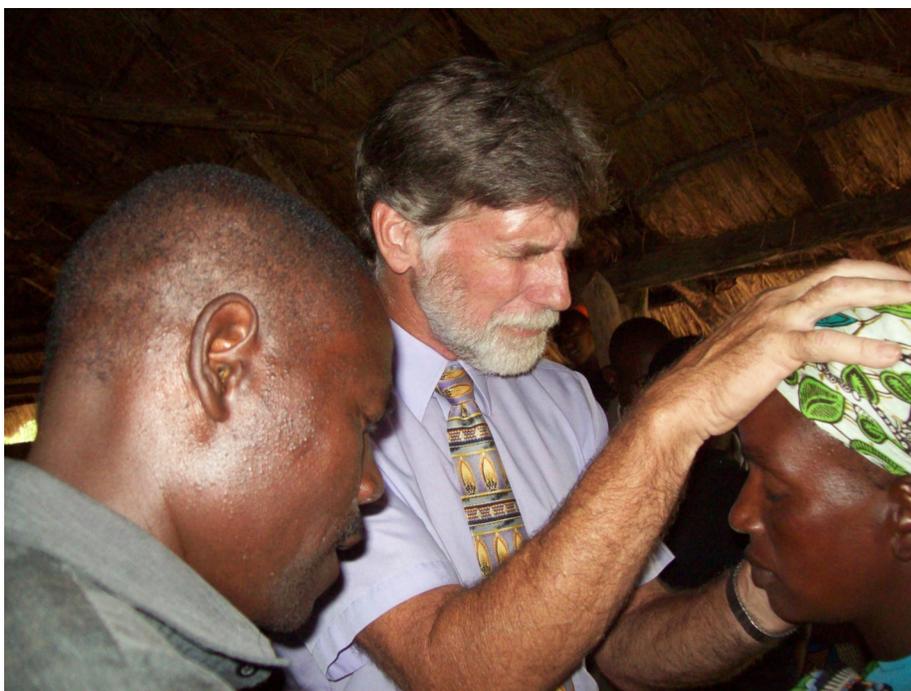
“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. (Psalms 126:5-6)”

grandchildren, not knowing when they might see us again. We were leaving the land we loved, where I had served in The Air Force, answering His “calling” to be missionaries in Africa.

Life was hard, but full

the promise they would return rejoicing with the fruit of their labor. I “felt” the spiritual force of the Holy Spirit “pulling” me to go with the promise of return carrying spiritual fruit. I “feel” the same “pulling”

I memorized these verses twenty-eight years ago. Just the thought of moving far away, where any type of communication between our families and friends would be



very difficult brought tears to our eyes. Our house, vehicles, and material possessions were all sold or given away. We stood at the Airport with many of our friends and family. Our parents said good bye to their children and small

of adventure. The scripture promises we would “come again”. We returned “rejoicing and bringing sheaves” of and for the thousands saved, and healed, and delivered every year. The children of Israel were physically forced to go in tears, with

of the Holy Spirit today. This time I’m going in tears because my wife won’t be coming. She fought the good fight and finished her race, having received her place with God. Just like the first time, I’m going with the promise from God that I’ll return bringing the “sheaves”, the spiritual fruit

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from front

The Apostle Paul received the calling of the Lord from a Macedonian man in a night vision (Acts 16). I'm not comparing myself to the Apostle Paul, but I have literally received God's call through various people to go where I've never gone before, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. I've been planning and preparing for another great harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God. Villages I've never heard of, places that only the anointing/empowerment of the Holy Spirit could get us through are pleading for us to commit and simply attempt to come, believing God would see us through. I'm energized just by writing these things!

Every time I get to a new place, they have already heard about the Bible School (MOT-



MOT) and practically beg me to start holding classes in their village. It's not practical to take teams from America out into the remote villages to be in these classes, but the results are easy to

see. The MOT-MOT attendees won't stop spreading the gospel through their own efforts and the work through the students' students until The Lord returns riding a "white horse". The devil will never win! We will have trouble in this world, but we (Christians) are on the

winning side.

I will never be able to thank you enough for the greatest love and kindness, and the most beautiful and comforting words shown and spoken to me concerning Linda's leaving this world to be with the Lord. Because of your partnership and faithfulness with this ministry, over the next year expect God to work through you, leading more people to our Savior than ever before. That healing and deliverance will seem to follow you. As the Holy Spirit ministers through us in Africa, look for the same Holy Spirit to minister through you wherever He leads you. Then, we will go from glory to glory (II Cor 3:18).

Remain Faithful

Prayer

For God's wisdom working without Linda.
For peaceful and Godly elections in Zambia.
For more of God's anointing to minister for Him.

Praises

For outpouring of love as Linda went home.
For the best harvest I've ever seen in Zambia.
For ministry partners joined to reach Africa.

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