

David & Margaret – AFRICA – OCTOBER 2009

Thank you so much to all those who prayed, gave, and supported David & Margaret throughout their recent trip to Africa. The trip was most fruitful, and we hope you enjoy this report.

Tanzania, The Joshua Foundation

The trip started in Arusha, Tanzania. We drove into the driveway of "En Gedi", the ministry base for The Joshua Foundation and home of Alan & Lynda Stephenson and we were amazed at the growth in the past 3 years.

David shared with the entire Joshua team of more than 20 people and prophesied over several. After spending time with Alan & Lynda and their core team for a few days, Margaret left to spend time with family in Ethiopia.

David went on and taught at their College of 25 church planters and apostolic leaders from several African nations; tens of thousands of people were represented in the room. David noticed a great hunger and there was a wonderful response across the 10 meetings.



David in Uganda

When David arrived in Uganda, the Private Secretary to the Vice President of Uganda had come to meet him. David had a prophetic word for him and it was an awesome encounter. Praise God for divine connections of great influence!

Sunday was spent with John Wandera's church (City Victory Church) in Mbale in Uganda's east, an incredibly hot and humid place. However there was a great hunger and response to the Word of God.



David attended the graduation of 40 pastors and leaders that had done our own 'Leaders of Destiny' course. They told of how they slept for 3 days on papyrus mats on dirt floor to do the course away from their families; and all they had was one manual between them!

The church here meets under corrugated roof with a dirt floor and have a building under way for which they make all their own bricks by hand. They need another \$60,000.

David comments: "They took up a love offering for us which in Australian terms was about \$40 but was a fortune in their terms; 90,000 shillings. I think of Paul: in their poverty they excelled in their generosity. Most have no job and just labour when they can to feed the family."

From the Monday till Wednesday David took a Pastors conference (approximately 70 pastors) associated with Ps. John Wandera. Despite extended teaching times, and the hot conditions, they were hungry and inexhaustible. Much of the teaching David said was "pure inspiration from the Word, no notes!"

Many made the comment to David that it was totally life changing. Another expressed that "you have taken the scales from our eyes". Yet another regular comment was that the revelation is totally new to them and that they have felt themselves growing spiritually as the Word is revealed.



David then travelled part way back to Kampala, and on the way visited an orphanage. The children, despite their conditions and lack, were radiant! David said, "I visited the mud huts where the orphans sleep. The poverty and lack is gut wrenching and yet they are so happy and grateful that Jesus has given them people who will now love them. I was deeply moved."

John & Jessica Wandera have 30 village churches and 310 HIV orphans in home care families that are clustered into 13 centres, each with a mud hut church and a pastor.

CityLife Church – Addis, Activ8 Africa Team

After a day of meetings and travelling, David was reunited with Margaret and family (daughter Rachael, son-in-law Steve and 2 grandsons), who are missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Life is difficult here for the missionaries. We experienced three days without water (it had to be carried from a nearby well to use), just hand washes, and bottled water for drinking and cooking, no showers.

A new church has been planted in Addis Ababa, and it was most encouraging to see so many locals now attending and several of them already involved. David spoke at the 2 Sunday services and then both David and Margaret taught at a team-training day on "Preserving Family While Doing Ministry" and "The Power of Team".

Margaret writes, "We had the privilege of visiting our sponsor child and his mum, at his school and visited with them at their home. It was gratifying for us to see that we were making a difference for one little boy and his family."



End of the Trip



On the return home David & Margaret spent 2 days in Dubai (for some R & R) one of the most opulent and wealthy places on earth, the absolute antithesis of the poverty-stricken parts of Africa they had just been in.

If you would like to hear any more about this trip, please feel free to let us know. David also wrote a journal of the daily events during the trip, which is available upon request.

We thank God, for you our partners, who gave of your finances and especially prayed for us and for the peoples of Africa. Together we saw lives changed, churches impacted and nations influenced by the Kingdom of God. Thank you Jesus!

Many blessings,

David & Margaret McCracken