

September & October 2014

- ❖ **AFRICA SAFARI, 2014:** A seven member team is praising the Lord for many opportunities to minister in several areas of Kenya. The very busy two weeks included personal evangelism, teaching Sunday school, preaching and conducting seminars. There was a welcome reception wherever we went, and harvest-filled opportunities to share Christ. The abundance of children and young people



Barry, Mara, Ben, Kevin, Seth, Ann, Joyce

gave the chance to teach those eager to learn more of the Word of God rightly divided and passionate to go out in ministry for Him. Despite exhaustion from long ministry-filled days, the Lord revived each member to push forward and accomplish what they came to do. One team member wrote that this time was a life-changing experience.

Some highlights: seeing people come to Christ as we prayed with children, young people and adults; helping build the new sanctuary in Kisumu Grace Bible Church 50% larger than the former building, the host church for the 2015 National Bible Conference next August; praying with driver Henry who received Christ after spending five days with the team; conducting a leadership seminar for 35 pastors; teaching advanced students at Kenya Grace School of Ministries in the new Bible school building; finishing up with a journey across the Great Rift Valley for two nights at Masai Mara game park where wildebeest were seen crossing the Mara River and a rare sighting of a black rhino. The team enjoyed sweet fellowship together with Missionaries Gardner, Ledith and Kelly Improso, and Kenya Director Titus Kivilu and family. Please pray for them and all pastors, Sunday school teachers and other leaders who are faithfully evangelizing and planting churches. Sixty-three Grace churches in Kenya are working hard to complete *Project 2020* (100 churches by 2020).

- ❖ **DOUG LEFEBER, BRAZIL** “We have been in Brazil for over 40 years. Much has changed since we moved here in 1973. The country is much more developed and modernized and the tropical weather is even warmer than

before! However, there is something that has not changed in all these years: the message of the Grace of God, *who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth*. Evangelism is what God would have us do then and now! We stress to all our leaders who teach and evangelize children, adolescents, young people, and adults, to make the Gospel crystal clear – faith, trust, total dependence on the finished work of Christ on the cross for our sins, in our place, as our substitute. Faith plus nothing is a matter of believing, not doing, something *SO* different from what one usually hears on the radio and television, and what is preached in many churches. Although Brazil is seen as an evangelized country, there is still much to do! Unfortunately, many so-called Christian groups reaching the masses here do not preach the true Gospel, and many “reached” people continue to be lost, while thinking they are saved. As it was 40+ years ago, Vicki and I continue to have a passion for the lost here and our desire is aligned with God’s desire, *to see all men saved.*”

- ❖ **JOE CAMPOS FAMILY** continues to move forward to return to Northern Brazil this fall. They have renewed passports and purchased tickets for November 5th. Joe continues to visit churches on weekends to present their ministry, and they have been working on downsizing and packing before Joe and son Nathan head to a month of USA Mission Conferences in the Northwest. Joe is having monthly Skype meetings with leaders and pastors to draw up plans for the training he will be heading up, and to discuss Project ABBA’s expansion to new areas. Most recently Joe met with Michigan Pastor Zach Rasmusson (visited Brazil in 1999) to talk about the effective intern program at his church. The idea is to implement a similar program within the training program in Brazil. They are thankful for faithful prayer partners throughout the years and for the ones who recently joined their ministry. They have 2/3 financial support and ask you to pray for the Lord to touch people’s heart for them to be able to reach their goal before departure. Set-up expenses at the beginning will be the greatest challenge. Pray for their oldest daughter Elly as she moved to Grace Bible College dorms to begin studies in Early Childhood Education, a big transition for Elly and the rest of the family. Thank you for praying and supporting the Campos’ ministry in Brazil!
- ❖ **VALERIE ANDERSON** returned overseas on September 1st to resume her homeschool co-op coordination and teaching ministry. This year she wants to invite local believers to share their stories of coming to faith in Christ during weekly chapels. Pray the Lord connects her with individuals who are willing to share their testimonies, that both speakers and students will be encouraged and challenged as a result.