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PRAY YOUR LIFE AWAY

Prayer news from Dave and Jan

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Our dear friends and praying partners,

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! We are full of joy at this Easter season in the Good News of Jesus the Messiah! I love the springtime when all of God's beauty begins all over again. The **Son** shines into the world and into open hearts. What a privilege to know Jesus as **OUR SAVIOR, OUR LORD, AND OUR FRIEND**. We hope you have had a powerful Easter season that is just beginning and blooming with new adventures with the Lord God. May the Lord fill us all with His encouragement for His work around this planet earth!

Africa is much on our hearts these days. I was reminded that Africa is a **Cradle** of Christianity. God is inviting many to pick up Africa's legacy and send it into the future. Jan and I are so thankful to be some of multitudes in our time to share in the wonders of God's mighty deeds in that continent. Many of you have grabbed the baton as well and we are running the race as a team. How exciting. Here are some facts: [Mary, Joseph, and Jesus](#) became refugees in Africa when Herod went on his rampage; [Simon](#), an African Jew from Cyrene, helped carry the cross of Jesus on the way to the hill; the earliest gospel was written by an African, [John Mark](#), of a Jewish family. Wow! Also, the early African church had a remarkable influence—[Alexandria](#) in Egypt had a thriving church under John Mark; the largest Christian community in modern Libya and Morocco was [Carthage](#) in modern Tunisia, with three early popes from this area; [Coptic Christianity](#) flourished in Egypt and Sudan. In the early fourth century, Christianity was declared the state religion of the kingdom of Aksum, part **of Ethiopia**. Africa has innumerable rich heirs of ancient Christianity. Even us today! PTL!

This month please join us in intercession at His throne—

- **Praise God for Easter blessings and services and witness all over the world and locally!**
- **Praise God with us for His faithful provisions to us through faithful friends in answer to faithful praying!**
- **Praise the Lord for the work recently of completion of three new courses to teach this next trip—SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP, SERVANT LEADERSHIP, and TRAINING TRAINERS!**
- **Please pray with us for our soon upcoming trip to Masaka, Uganda, on May 19-29. Pray for our visas to arrive, for our funding to be provided (about \$4500) by May 1, for class preparations, for me leading the trip, and for both Jan and I as we go together on this one!**
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit to powerfully use the three courses and faculty. I will be teaching the course on TRAINING TRAINERS, and Jan will be helping with break-out sessions with women (and taking care of me!).**

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- **Pray for our 60 key leaders from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Congo, to supernaturally expand the ministry of LVIM by teaching and training other leaders themselves! GREAT!**

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WE give glory to God for His grace and mercy to each one of us. In fifty years most of us will be with the Lord. In one hundred years we all will be there. In one thousand years we will be still in heaven. In one million years we will STILL be there. If this is our destiny, and this is our truth, let us choose to live for eternity NOW. **This life is truly the end of the beginning! Hallelujah!**

Love in Jesus to you and you and you and you,

Dave and Jan

(Pray for our good friends and Africa partners, Bamo and Siriaka)

