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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4: 18-19).

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Dear Friends

Are you ever asked to do something in front of people that you really do not feel equipped to do? Do you ever feel insecure or shy, even just walking into a room full of people? Join the club! All of us at times find ourselves called to do something bigger than we are. Yet the Holy Spirit is always leading us into something bigger than ourselves. It is not that we are not equipped or qualified, but simply that we have not yet walked in that place. If we are not being stretched, we are not moving forward, and we are not growing and developing. If the stretching causes only slight discomfort and does not pull deep and hard, our development is restricted. Growing pains are a result of full developing growth. Praise God, in between growth surges He gives us a time to gather our faculties—mental and physical—and file them into the right places. Then as we begin to act on them we are stretched again, and so growth continues. This is how it should be until Jesus comes; for we are to be continually changing, from faith to faith, from glory to glory.

Physically speaking, only those ready to commit to extreme exercise and discipline will achieve in an extreme sport. It costs a great deal in order to succeed. The person who enters half-heartedly or grudgingly will never develop the strength and control required.

It must be done willingly and enthusiastically, with a goal and purpose clearly in mind.

It is the same with us in our quest for God and in our desire to be all we can be! On team here at AWYesu we are relentless in urging one another to greater exploits, and deeper relationships in Christ. There is not much space to sit and recollect, always a call to the next thing. It is a miracle we have team members who choose to stay on year after year. It is not easy to maintain the momentum, but to quit is unthinkable. None of us wants to miss out on what God is doing. To love one's job and to love one's co-workers is a great gift. We are very, very blessed and give thanks to God for giving us so much. We thank Him also for our relationship with each one of you, our friend's and supporters. Without you, we would not be here.

We pray that whatever you are doing, wherever you are, you will find total and complete fulfilment in your family, workplace, and friendships. May you continue to grow in Him and in all of these!

Always for Jesus,
Rod & Ellie and Team

The new dorms at Inhaminga are almost finished!



PASTORS' CONFERENCE, INHAMINGA

We have just concluded six days of pastoral conference. Most of these pastors do not read or write; they pastor tiny, little, mud hut churches. They came from all over the bush villages to stay on campus where they had their meals cooked for them, running water and ministry/worship flowing like oil. We were 100 all together. It was a life-changing time, and they received new vision for soul-winning and the equipping of "how to." Their smiles and excitement are imprinted on our hearts forever! Their legs jumped and danced; they clapped and shouted as they sang; and they are charged and changed. Almost every one was baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues! HALLELUUUUUUUJAH!!!!!!

AWYESU Mozambican members carried the first half of the conference. Pastor Armando, Lino, and Mariano brought powerful messages. Not only that, they brought the anointing to the pastors and the sure knowledge that God can raise up Mozambicans to the level of International speakers, and many times even beyond that level. This is very exciting for us, and we are proud of the men and women serving on AWYesu Team.

An important message went out to the pastors: "Right here in your midst are men who came in with no more knowledge than you have. They are not imported from outside; they are just like you. They have filled themselves with the Word. They have submitted themselves to God. They are anointed with the Holy Ghost and power, and YOU CAN BE TOO!"

Dr. Rob and Ginger Carman came with a team to minister during the second half of the conference. Rod drove to Nacala to pick them up where they had been ministering at the Nacala Conference. What a joy to have them. Fun-filled and meaningful fellowship with us as team members, and dynamic ministry to the students. Nobody can tell stories like Dr. Carman. Intertwined with the Word of God these stories cause the minds of the hearer to kick into gear and move right along with the passion and anointing that flows. All were riveted to their seats, nobody fell asleep. All captured the vision to GO, to win souls and bring change to the nation.

Pastor Brandon Hollar who came with the team from Texas made a big impact on the pastors also; they will not forget his teaching.

THANK YOU, TEXAS TEAM for all you imparted during this wonderful time. Not only to the pastors but to each AWYesu team member in both Nacala and Inhaminga!



Pastors and leaders from the Cheringoma District came to AWYesu for five-day conference.

WHAT DO THE PASTORS SAY?

"Spiritually, my heart was healed. When I leave I am going to take the fire home. When I go home I want to teach the leaders that I am working with the things that I have learned and definitely send them out in pairs to do the work of God."

"The word about Matthew 20 really touched me. Everything he said was exactly for me! When he started to speak, my heart was pounding. When I went to eat breakfast after I didn't even taste anything because I was just thinking about that Word."

"I received so many things. In the area of evangelism, I am really touched. I was thinking that I should wait until someone gave me some money to go and do evangelism, or I should wait until someone said to me to go, but I forgot that I have already been commissioned. Now I am going to do the work."

"The Word of God is worth more than the food which I eat. I have been thinking about the lost sheep. I thought that when the sheep go away I don't have to go and get them, but that they will come back alone. Now we are learning that we have to go and get them. I thank God for what He has done in my life."

"Everything that was spoken really touched my life. Now I am full of repentance. I used to take what I was taught and put it like a letter in my pocket. Now I am going to take it and give it to others."

The feedback is important. The testimony secures the work of the Spirit in the heart of the testifier, and the rest of us are blessed through hearing their words!



Students respond – "Here I am, Lord, send me!"



Dr. Rob Carman with Armando interpreting.

MORNING DEVOTIONS AT AWYESU

Our favourite time of day is when we all, students and staff, get together for devotions at 07:00. We never know what is going to happen. Sometimes we have loud praise and wild dancing with the drums made of wood and animal skins, the shofar (horn of the kudu antelope), and various Africa instruments. We have no sound system, nothing electrical. All instruments are what they can make in their own churches. Other times we have worship where we are brought to our knees or prostrate on the cement floor, adoring our God with tears and hearts poured out. We thank Him, we intercede, the gifts of the Spirit flow as He moves in our hearts. Somebody ministers the Word, people testify. Here visions are birthed, repentance and deliverance takes place, people are healed, weep for the nations, and are filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory. If you came to visit AWYesu for no other purpose than to experience African worship before the throne of God, your journey would accomplish a worthwhile purpose in that alone.



Festa under the trees.

CULTURAL ISSUES

This morning in devotions the pastors were so excited to hear that it was a man of Africa, and not a white missionary, who first brought the gospel to this continent. A man of authority Act 8:27,28—"So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet." Read on in this chapter for a dynamic account!

God is imparting to us a fresh vision to prepare His African Bride for His coming. The multinational culture of AWYesu gives us a good basis of understanding that we are all being conformed to the image and likeness and culture of Jesus Christ, no matter what our personal culture or language background. Hallelujah!

The problem with many missionaries is their deluded thinking that they have been sent to change African culture and introduce their own. Herein lies the beginning of resistance to what many Africans consider to be a foreign gospel.

PRIMARY POINT

There must come a separation in our minds between Christianity and western culture. As long as foreign missionaries and Africans alike maintain a connection with the gospel to western culture, the gospel will be considered an import, not a direct gift of God to the African. The gospel must be separated from western culture and a whole African response to the person of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Africans must take up full responsibility for transmitting the pure gospel to their people.

STRUGGLES WITH IMMORALITY

This is a huge problem and brings down many a good leader. We note that when we confront immorality in the lives of the men on the field, the answer is often, "It is our culture, it is our way."

It is possible that our present struggles with immorality in the church are linked to the thinking that missionaries are demanding something that they have no understanding of. The moment a person is tempted, they take hold of African culture that allows them to take a woman whom they immediately call their "wife" outside of legal marriage. African culture allows you to take a woman, call her your wife, and marry her some time later. Mostly they have no real intent to marry that person, and are merely fulfilling the lust of the flesh using the cloak of African culture to hide behind. Therefore they are not responding to the person of Jesus Christ, but in their minds resisting western culture. If they separated the gospel from western culture, there would be nothing to hide behind, and they would be forced to deal with the issue face to face with Jesus.

We praise God for African leadership within this ministry that has the boldness and authority to set the standard according to the Word of God, not according to any culture, western or African. Herein lies the hope of the Church in Africa, that her own people declare the Truth and impart it to others. We urge you, brethren, "The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

POLYGAMY – A TOUGH ONE

Polygamy is a traditional custom, though not, as we shall see, a God-given one. What should the Church do and think about it?

The present situation where a liar, adulterer, thief or murderer can belong to most churches but a polygamist cannot is ridiculous and damaging to the Church.

From a Scriptural point, no straightforward condemnation of polygamy exists in Scripture. In the Jewish law God actually commands polygamy in certain circumstances—particularly when a married man dies. Thus the problem with some cults like the Ma Apostoro (The Apostles) adhering to the things of their choice from the Old Testament and ignoring the New.

(The Ma Apostoro is one of the strongest cults in Southern Africa. They proclaim Christ but stick mainly to the Old Testament especially regarding multiple wives. They allow all God has forbidden in Deuteronomy 18:10,11.)

Deuteronomy 18:10: There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

Deuteronomy 18:11: or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

Paul's advice to Timothy that bishops should have only one wife makes sense only if some Christians had more than one.

Scripture shows that God prefers monogamy to polygamy, but there is nothing to suggest that the latter is the worst of all sins. Or even one of the worst sins that John says "lead to death" (1 John 5:16-17). There was no Scriptural reason for the missionaries to ban it outright, only their own cultural arrogance. They could have taught against it, as they taught against other things such as lying, fornication, selfishness and stealing, without forbidding polygamists to belong to the Church.

The first result of banning polygamy is divorce. The missionaries required converts to divorce their spouses, when divorce is specifically and categorically forbidden in Scripture. (Some missionaries still require this.) So they required a thing not commanded in Scripture to demand something forbidden in Scripture. This immediately brings in new immorality as the wives had no way of living other than to form other relationships. How does the man choose which wife to keep, anyway?

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Often the banned wife becomes the second or third wife of another man. What then if he gets saved? Would she be run off again for the so-called cause of Christ? This becomes "serial polygamy." Resorting to prostitution often becomes the only remedy for survival and supporting her children. How tragic, all at the demand of the church.

Today in the Church worldwide, divorce, which is banned in Scripture, is accepted by most, while polygamy is not!

We see missionaries and ministers forbid the communion table to polygamists while allowing divorced people to partake. And who knows what liar and adulterer and sinner as well as you and I are sitting in their midst. How we thank God for His Grace!

So what do we do? Accept polygamy?

We accept the person. The man with all his wives. Certainly he should not take any more wives once he is converted. Certainly he cannot hold an office of responsibility in governing the Church, as Paul wrote in his letter to Timothy. "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach" (1Timothy 3:2).

Can he witness? Testify? Lead worship? Preach and teach the word? Evangelize?

E-mail your response to the bottom line. After all, it's the bottom line that counts!

GIST FOUR FUN!

Deer Reader,

Ewe may wander a bout sum mist aches in our gnus letter sum times.

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SPELL CZECH

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And eye can put the error rite. It's rarely ever wrong.

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3 - Arrive Loveland, Colorado

5 - Pensacola, FLORIDA

12- Dallas, TEXAS

20 - St. Louis, MISSOURI

29 - Hot Springs, ARKANSAS

31 - Jackson, MISSISSIPPI

NOVEMBER

3 - Lafayette, LOUISIANA

4- FLORIDA

17 - SOUTH CAROLINA

25 - NORTH CAROLINA

28 - Loveland, COLORADO

DECEMBER

9 - Depart Denver for AFRICA!

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Rod busy with his pet-hate job, plumbing!



A visitor prays for Mozambique at AWYesu wall riddled with bullets from time of war.

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