

Praise the Lord for

- The visit and ministry of Cephas' Westminster Classmate and Friend, Dr. Rob Dalrymple and his son (Jared). We praise the Lord for their safety while here with us.
- For Cephas' safe arrival in Kampala Uganda.
- For the successful completion of our one year stay and ministry in Nigeria.
- For the Lord's faithfulness to us as a family.

Pray for

- Cephas' effectiveness in his teaching ministry in Uganda for the next two weeks. Pray also for his safety while there.
- Hemen to pick up her studies at Eastern again. She didn't take any classes in the spring semester.
- Istifanus Sambo (and his family), a JETS student (he took a course with Cephas last year). He travel to Abuja, and has not been seen for 6 weeks now.
- That Salome will learn to cope better with her ADHD condition so she will be doing better in school in the coming school year.
- For Deborah to secure admission into a good school.
- The family of Vesenebe Ahile (Cephas' mentee who passed away recently) for encouragement and consolation. They have experienced a lot of bereavements recently.
- Cephas: 1) as he prepares a paper for presentation at the Annual general meeting of the Nigerian Association of Biblical Scholars in July; 2) that his effort to get his dissertation published soon will be fruitful.
- Worldlink (our mission partners), for God's provisions for the many unmet ministry needs.

THE TUSHIMA'S UPDATES

April & May 2010

Serving God in the Mundane

Opportunities for service are beckoning us all the time, if we can open our eyes to see. Hemen and I were returning from town one evening. It was at rush hour. Then, in the thick of the traffic, I noticed on the other side of the road, a man—a senior citizen—struggling to push his dead car out of the road. From my past understanding of our culture, I was surprised that no one came to help him. I muttered my disgust. Almost as if in reflex action, Hemen asked me if she could go help him (since I was driving). I agree. With the heavy traffic backup, we were going slow enough for me to stop

for her to get out. To her surprise, as she joined the old man in pushing the car, others joined them too (perhaps, shamed by this woman doing what the men should have done).

Thinking of this now reminds me of a Merlyn Baker song the refrain to which said something to effect, "You've got to try a little kindness, show a little kindness, shine your light for everyone to see." Hemen shone her light for the Lord in that little act of kindness. Those who saw her light lent a helping hand, and it made a huge difference for that old man. [narrated by Cephas]



Cephas delivering a lecture to JETS education students.



A Cross-section of the students listening attentively.

Ministry to Individuals

On a number of occasions Cephas has had very unique opportunities to spend quality time in one-on-one interactions with several students. In April, for instance, he traveled to

Abuja (Nigeria's capital city) with Cletus, one of the graduate students he mentors. They had about 10 hours together in all (4 hours each way of the journey and 2 hours within the city). It af-

forded them the opportunity to talk about different issues, many of which Cephas would illustrate with personal examples. Cephas had a similar time with Steve, another graduate student he has been working with. These



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“... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for us...” (Eph 6:18; ESV).

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have been opportunities to not stop at giving instructions in the classroom, but live the message right before the students' own eyes. Their responses has been humbling, to say the least. Cephas also had the privilege of counseling and prayed with one the JETS alumni he had mentored years ago, who was undergoing a period of testing and trial of faith. The Lord proved himself faithful, as in answer to prayer, this brother has been appointed the senior pastor of one of the leading churches in our area.

In April Cephas also visited a friend of his, with whom they've been friends since his freshman year in high school. The man was his teacher then. Both of them were not believers at the time. This friend is a high ranking officer in the Federal Police Force, where, in the midst of a very corrupt system, he is standing up for the Lord. During the visit, Cephas went with him to a Sunday worship service, where the friend was invited to preach. At the end of his preaching nearly half the congregation came forward during the altar call. It was time of mutual edification.

Academic Work

In May Cephas and the other faculty members completed work on the B.A. & M.A. curriculum review. His has since continued to work, in concert with the other members of the Ph. D. committee, on the Ph. D. curriculum. It is anticipated work on it will be completed before August. They are also considering Ph. D. applications. The program is likely to commence in January 2011.

In May, Cephas also gave a talk to the seminary students in all the education programs on teaching in the 21st century. In the lecture, he highlighted the challenges of the changes of the new century, the nature of transformational teaching, and the essential factors for teaching with effectiveness.

For the fall semester, Cephas has been scheduled to teach three courses in the fall semester that begins in early August; and will also be supervising students theses/dissertations.

Answered Prayer

In the last editions of our updates, we had requested prayer for one our mentees, Vesenbee John Ahile. We were praying for either healing or divine provision so he could be taken to India for liver transplantation. Well, the Lord answered our prayer, though not according to our expectations. Our brother was called home to glory about three weeks ago.

Family Matters

For first few years of Salome being diagnosed with ADHD, she continued to do excellently in school. This year she has struggled. Her performance has been inconsistent and on the downward spiral (getting into the stereotypical mold of ADHD kids). It's been troubling to us. We need wisdom on how to help her as the new school year begins.

Deborah will be moving into the middle school. The school she attends now has only elementary school. We are looking for a good school for her.