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A Backseat Driver

If we are honest, we have all been backseat drivers! “*What is a backseat driver,*” you may innocently ask? Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a backseat driver as: “A passenger in a car who gives usually unwanted driving advice to the driver. Someone who gives unwanted advice or who tries to control something that is supposed to be controlled by another person.”

A survey of British drivers found that 70% of motorists found backseat driving an annoying habit and that spouses were those most likely to interfere. Only 21% of motorists admitted to being a backseat driver (which means that 79% of motorists are fibbers!). Only 5% percent admitted to accidentally going through a red light during an argument with a backseat driver.

So, who's traveling with You?

We are all on this journey called Life, but who do you have traveling alongside you each day?

Did you know that Jesus wants to be your traveling partner? In fact, you choose wisely, if you invite Him to be in the driver's seat (providing, of course, you refrain from being a backseat driver!). That's why Jesus calls Himself “the Good Shephard” in John 10:11,14. It's because He's really, really good at what He does! He knows the right direction to take and the best roads to get there. In fact, you can fully and completely trust Him with every area of your life and with all future decisions! Now that's Good News!



The apostle Paul, when speaking of the Israelites traveling through the desert for 40 years on their way to the Promised

Land, writes: “For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.” (1 Cor 10:4b)

God has an amazing adventure for you! But to experience it, you have to get your daily dose of the Rock, and that Rock is Jesus! Jesus said: “The water that I give them will become like a well inside them.

That well will continue to provide water that gives them life forever with God.” (John 4:14b)

So, keep drinking from Jesus, and He will sustain you on your journey through life.

We sometimes get very tired traveling in planes, trains, buses and cars. But when we realize that Jesus is not only traveling with us, but leading the way, it gives us new strength to complete the journey. We can have a continual feast as we delight in the Lord, the One who refreshes us and is our constant companion each step of the way. Lean into the LORD, He is your traveling partner!

“So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.” (Gal. 6:9)

Our Best Time in Africa!

In April we made our ninth trip to Africa, and it was our best yet! If you have read any of our past quarterly newsletters, you know that we LOVE Africa and the African people! There is such a hunger for a relationship with Jesus and to experience the transformational and miracle-working power of God!



We taught for a week at the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) base in Bujumbura, **Burundi**, on “Biblical Principles for Dating, Marriage and Parenting.” It was so exciting to hear the students (from Burundi, Congo and Uganda) share each day how the teaching was setting them free from cultural bondages and abusive family patterns!

From Burundi we traveled further south to the wonderful nation of **Zambia**, where we taught at YWAM Lusaka for two weeks on: Leadership Principles, Making Jesus LORD, and the Father Heart of God. We also did a Marriage Seminar which was open to the local community. Again, we received so much feedback, even from pastors, that they have never heard teaching on Marriage, and didn't realize

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— Oswald Chambers



how often culture conflicts with God's design, causing unnecessary conflict and pain. As always, we ended the seminar, inviting the married couples forward for a renewal of their vows. One couple (see photo) shared their wedding photo with us, and the news that, at 47, she is expecting her third child! Praise the LORD!



While at YWAM Lusaka we learned of some building projects that have been placed on hold for lack of funds. The most important being a prayer chapel. There were cinderblock walls, but nothing else. We consulted with the base leadership and then filmed a video sharing the need with many of you, our friends. The response was amazing, with funds now available to pay for the windows, doors, roof, cement floor, electrical, and labor!



The Prayer Chapel should be finished by mid-July. Glory to God! Photos will be in our September newsletter!

Returning to Africa

In August we will be making our tenth trip to Africa. This time we will be teaching at YWAM bases in Juba, **South Sudan** and Dzaleka, **Malawi**.

South Sudan became an independent nation 2011. Its 13 million citizens have suffered much from decades of war with neighboring Sudan in the north. It is one of the least developed nations in the world,

with the economy relying chiefly on subsistence farming. Violent clashes between the government and rebels, continue in the rural areas. Two-thirds of the population *identify* as Christian, but there is a great need for discipleship of Believers and training of pastors! This is why we are coming to South Sudan! Please pray!



This is our third trip to **Malawi**, a nation of 22 million people, of which 75% *identify* as Christian. Again, like much of the rest of Africa, the need for discipleship and training is huge! Although Malawi is one of the few African nations which has never experienced civil war, the people suffer from high inflation, a massive national debt, AIDS and unemployment.

We will be teaching at a YWAM base located next to the **Dzaleka Refugee Camp**, located near the capitol city of Lilongwe. The camp, originally



built to house 10,000 people, now is home to almost 60,000, with over 90%, women and children. Smuggling and human trafficking is rampant in the camp. We will be training YWAM staff in Biblical principles for Leaders, and Marriage and Family. Again, the need is great, but we serve an infinitely greater God! Pray for us and for the nation of Malawi!

Together We Can!

We thank God for our partners and pray for them every day! Because it is through your faithful giving that we are able to "run the race" and take the Gospel around the world. We have a special need right now. **Our flights in August to South Sudan and Malawi will cost about \$5,000. If you would like to "sow" a special gift into these two nations, we would greatly appreciate it!**

There is no better time than right now to invest in the Harvest! You can mail your gift to the address below, or go to our website and click the "Donate" link, or scan this QR code. All gifts are tax-deductible in the USA.



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