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“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” Ephesians 3:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We visited Esther's parents and our home church in Cincinnati during the holiday season and stayed in town for a few meetings in the area before heading back to Pensacola and then passing the end of January and almost all of February in Texas and Louisiana. In Cincinnati, I had an opportunity to witness to a man named Tony at a Little Caesar's pizza shop and the Lord laid it on my heart to go back and see him afterward the following week. I asked him if he knew what was necessary for someone to go to heaven to which he replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be forgiven." I asked him if he had ever done that and he said, "No." I asked if he would like to and he said, "Yes." We had a quiet time without interruption at the pizza counter where Tony prayed and trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. While in Texas, a pastor asked me why we didn't have more men to surrender as missionaries. I told him what I think, which is that men don't love Jesus at least not like we should. In another meeting, I had two young men come to me after the service expressing an interest in missions and one of them asked me why I thought so many missionaries came off the field. I told him again what I think, which is that men aren't strong enough in the word of God to endure the trials, Matthew 7:24. It was interesting because he also mentioned he didn't feel like the Lord was answering his prayers. When I got to talk a little with him about doctrine, I found out that he was using a Bible that watered down the deity of Jesus Christ. I told him his Bible was from the same manuscripts of the Jehovah Witness Bible and perhaps that was at least in part a reason why the Lord was not answering his prayers, then challenged him with some verses to do a little study. Please pray for him and his friend regarding laboring for the Lord Jesus Christ, Matthew 9:38.

Mozambique, at least in the central and southern regions, is experiencing a drought which has been the most severe in more than 30 years. They call it a year of hunger (*ano de fome*) and several will suffer because of it. In addition to this, there has been an added burden of a weakened currency as a result of mismanaged national debt. The metical exchange rate has increased by about 50% to the dollar since we came back on furlough last May, going from 30 to 48. This again places the burden of higher prices on several. On top of this, we are seeing an increase in political disputes between the ruling party and the main opposition party. There have been about 6,000 people that have fled Mozambique to Malawi since December which have been caught in the middle of this. Chimoio appears to be pretty safe, but some of the main roads in the country are once again being ambushed and passage restricted with police escorts to just a couple of times each day. All these folks need is the Lord Jesus Christ, but these issues sure can complicate the work. We are planning our return in early June so please pray that the Lord will direct and lead us in the way which he would have us to go. The two churches in Chimoio have been giving me good reports.

One good bit of news we received is that Elias went in for a final checkup in South Africa in January and it looks like his surgeries have been a success. He still has some healing and therapy, but we praise the Lord for His goodness in bringing Elias and us through this trial. I haven't mentioned about finances required for this ordeal, but the Lord has provided exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think. We are really humbled to see how the Lord has taken notice of us through all of this, Psalms 8:3-4. We appreciate the many of you that have helped us along the way with prayers and support of which the Lord knows, and pray for His blessing on you.

Thank you very much,
The Dunlaps

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