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The EVANGEL Voice

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Spring is a busy time of year at EVANGEL. Classes are in full swing. One of those is a brand new course. My Dad is teaching P-550 The Heart of the Minister of God. This has been a desire of his to teach a course like this and he's really excited about it. We're starting to begin preparations for the 2011 Fall Semester. Our annual golf tournament is upcoming. Finally, we are preparing to take advantage of two international opportunities that we have. Make sure that you read every word so you don't miss out on the things God is doing here at Evangel.

New Graduate

We want to extend our congratulations to **Pitts Evans** who received the Master of Theological Studies degree on February 9th. Pitts serves as the Senior Pastor at Whole Word Fellowship in Oakton, VA. He is also the person who facilitated our being invited to Sierra Leone this fall. It's our prayer that the Holy Spirit will take this time that Pitts has spent studying and cause much fruit to be born. We're also praying for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit on Pitts as he faithfully ministers here and around the globe. Congratulations Pitts!

All "Teed Up" for EVANGEL

The month of May in the Valley signals the beginning of continuous warmer weather, the hope of new life that springs from budding trees and blooming plants. It also marks the date of the 5th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament for EVANGEL.

On Saturday morning, May 21st, golfers will "tee it up" at Heritage Oaks Golf Course in Harrisonburg, Va. for a fun filled morning of 18 holes of golf, delicious food and terrific prizes; all to help further the mission of E.T.S. and to benefit the ongoing work of Gethsemane Evangelical Ministries in Sierra Leone, Africa.

This will be a Captain's Choice tournament with four person teams and plenty of enjoyable benefits throughout the morning. One noted feature again this year is the "Church Team" category. To qualify, 3 of the 4 people on a team must attend the same church.

The lowest scoring church team will receive a specially engraved trophy to keep for the next year.

Everyone is eligible to participate in this year's event either as a player or a sponsor. For more information on entry fees or sponsorship opportunities, you can log onto our web site: www.ets.edu and click on the news/events tab, or call the tournament coordinator, Tom Watson at 540-294-8573.

Answering the Call/2011

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:9,10)



Kenyan students worshipping the Lord

Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia imploring him to come and help them. The response of Paul's team was immediate. They got ready and set sail for Macedonia. Acts 16 records the results of their obedience to go. Lydia and her entire household respond to the Gospel and are baptized. The servant girl with a demonic spirit of fortune telling is set free in the name of Jesus. The Philippian jailer, upon seeing the earthquake wrecked jail and experiencing the miracle that all the prisoners are still there, calls out to Paul, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" After hearing the message of Jesus, the jailer and his entire household become followers of Jesus and are baptized. None of that would have happened if Paul and his team hadn't gone.

The excitement of these results often causes us to overlook the cost of responding to that call. Paul and his team had to make travel arrangements. They embarked on a perilous sea voyage. Once there, they were subjected to a physical cost. They tirelessly ministered and weren't always treated well. After ministering deliverance to the servant girl, Paul and Silas are arrested, illegally beaten, and thrown into jail. However, Paul and Silas would say that the cost was worth it to see the lives that were transformed by the power of the Gospel.

In the December issue of the EVANGEL Voice I shared the exciting opportunities we have to expand the ministry of the School of Practical Ministry internationally. In July, Ray of Hope Ministries (www.kenyarayofhope.com) will once again be our hosts as we teach in Kenya. In October, Gethsemane Evangelical Ministries (gemprayertab.org) will be hosting us as we teach in Sierra Leone. In both countries the need is so great. Along the Kenyan coast the population is more than 70% Muslim and in Sierra Leone the population is 60% Muslim. These courageous pastors and leaders, who are almost singlehandedly standing up against darkness, have had very little access to training of any kind. Both areas are ripe for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ac-

curately described this kind of situation. *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* (Matt. 9:37,38).

Paul provides greater detail in describing this need. *“How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”* (Rom. 10:14,15).

Both of these passages describe what EVANGEL has been called to do. Throughout the intensive two week school, students receive a solid Biblical foundation for ministry. They have the opportunity to explore the unique person they’ve been created to be. They receive practical training in sermon preparation and effective communication. They study the ministry of the Holy Spirit and have times to implement what they’ve learned. The program concludes with teaching about leadership and ministry essentials. Interspersed into the teaching are times for students to develop long lasting relationships with each other and to minister to each other. During the graduation service, students are challenged to take what they’ve learned and teach it to their local churches. The results of these schools are like ripples in a pond that continue to spread out across the nations and continent of Africa changing lives.



A class session in Kenya

In 2011 we are expecting to have 30 students in each country. If those 60 students are leading congregations of just 20 people then 1,200 people will be impacted by this program. If those 20 pass on what they’ve learned to others the impact will exponentially increase. In fact, several of the 2009 Kenyan students are coming back and bringing others with them. Obviously, this is such an exciting opportunity for us.

At EVANGEL we haven’t had a vision like Paul but the staff and Board of Trustees have clearly heard the Holy Spirit calling us to go to Kenya and Sierra Leone. After much discussion and seeking the Lord we have enthusiastically decided to answer the call. There is a large cost to saying yes. Each member of the team will spend 2 1/2 weeks away from their homes and families. They will have to take a large amount of vacation time from their jobs. There is also a large cost to EVANGEL. Answering this call will require the largest one time expenditure of funds in our almost 30 year history. To be honest, right now we don’t have those funds.

That’s where each of you have a role to play in answering this call. We need each of our readers to pray and fast for us (see the Answering the Call form to sign up for a prayer time). We can’t do this without that kind of covering. We also need many of you to give a special gift to help underwrite the cost of these schools. There are three areas to which you can give.

- ◆ The cost/student is \$325. This amount covers the tuition, housing and food, supplies, books, and a new Bible. We need \$19,500 to cover the cost of scholarships for 60 students(30 in Kenya & 30 in Sierra Leone).
- ◆ We need \$2,000 (half for Kenya and half for Sierra Leone) for ministry opportunities that will present themselves while we're in each country.
- ◆ We need about \$6,000 to cover the costs of the travel for me to go and teach in both countries.

Won't you please help us answer the call? Please pray and ask God how He wants you to participate. Your gifts will be planting seed into the lives of each pastor and only God knows the size of the harvest that will come from that seed. Here at this Easter season, you can honor the Risen Savior in a practical way by sending a gift. Please fill out the Answering the Call form on the next page and return it with your gift in the enclosed envelope. No gift is too small. Please help us answer this overwhelming call.

Please pray with me. *Lord, I thank you for this great opportunity You've given us. Lord we thank you for each student who will participate. We thank you for the things You will impart to them. We thank You for what You're going to do for each student. We thank You for the impact these pastors and leaders will have on their nations. We thank You for the countless lives that will be transformed through the ministries of these students.*

Lord, we commit to You our great need. You know the amount of money that's needed. You know where it is. Lord I ask that You would speak to the hearts of our friends and partners. Help them to see the importance of answering this call. We thank you for those who will give to help us. We pray in Jesus name, that You would abundantly bless them for giving. Lord we thank You that when You call , You also provide. We commit this into Your hands. Thank You Jesus! We ask it in Your name. AMEN!

I want to thank you for helping us to answer the call. You can follow our progress on our web site: www.ets.edu Just go to the blog tab and you can see the progress we're making in answering the call. Every few days we will update the information.

It is our prayer that this Easter season would be a significant one for you and your family. May the one who was dead and is now alive forevermore bless you and empower you to minister.

Grace & peace,

Bob Reichard, III
President

ANSWERING THE CALL/2011

Bob, I want to stand with EVANGEL and participate in answering the call. I am enclosing my gift for the following area/s.

1. Scholarships.

Full scholarship (\$325): _____ Half scholarship (\$163): _____

Quarter scholarship (\$81); _____ Other: _____

2. Ministry Funds.

\$100: _____ \$50: _____

\$25: _____ Other: _____

3. Travel Expenses.

\$100: _____ \$50: _____

\$25: _____ Other: _____

4. Prayer.

Beginning the week of May 1 and concluding on October 30 (26 weeks), we want people praying and fasting every day for this effort. If you're willing to help us this way, tell us which day of the week you will praying.

Bob, I will to commit to pray & fast on this day each week.

Sun. _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____

Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____