



“Christ was born in the first century, yet he belongs to all centuries. He was born a Jew, yet He belongs to all races. He was born in Bethlehem, yet He belongs to all countries.” George W. Truett

“More light than we can learn; more wealth than we can treasure; more love than we can earn; more peace than we can measure; because one Child is born.” Christopher Fry

Merry Christmas!

What a special time of year, gathering with friends and family, enjoying the festive sights, smells and sounds that only Christmas can bring and most of all, spending time in worship and praise for the gift of salvation that Jesus has provided! Let's celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season in all His grace and goodness, by focusing on Him and giving God glory just as the angels did while proclaiming, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:14)

Our lives are full and we are intimately touched by His blessings every day. **Our son Ryan and daughter-in-law Charlene are expecting their second baby girl in April!** We are so excited to have another granddaughter! Pictured from the left, is our son Kyle, his wife Sarah, Charlene, Ryan, 16 month old Rhoslyn, Kathy and me. Every good and perfect gift is from above and we praise Him for the gift of our growing family!



Nkumba, Uganda 2010

We have an exciting opportunity ahead of us that will greatly advance the Kingdom of God! **On January 7th, we will be leaving for Uganda to put on a large pastors and leaders conference, focusing on servant leadership with an emphasis on building strong marriages.** The Lord has blessed us with an incredibly gifted team and they all have a passion to serve Christ with a whole heart! We're praying for a Holy Spirit led ministry. Here are some of the things we are looking forward to:

- We're expecting over 1000 in attendance.
- Our team of 17 includes GTN staff, Bible teachers, businessmen, a mid-wife, a nurse practitioner, a “Young Life” leader, children's workers, and worship leaders.
- **There will be over 60 teaching sessions in 7 different venues. This is the largest, most far reaching conference we do all year.**
- Ministry will be provided for pastors and their wives, youth leaders, businessmen, children's workers, village women and children. Our medical workers will be teaching on AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and will give training in child birth. We will also be ministering in prisons and churches and will be doing a baptism service in Lake Victoria.



"Attempt something so big that if God isn't in it, it is doomed to fail."



Our goal with Global Training Network is to assist the Ugandan church by developing leaders who are fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ! Each leader will influence many and as a result, Uganda will be powerfully impacted for Christ! *Would you prayerfully consider helping us with a financial gift? **The cost for one person to attend this 5 ½ day conference, including food, lodging, materials and transportation, is only \$20.00!*** Because we are expecting over a thousand to attend, we need to raise \$20,000 for this conference! We know we serve a faithful God!

Future Opportunities for 2010

The need for Biblical training around the world is great. We receive requests continually so it's very important we hear from the Lord and know His leading. ***Pray with us for God's clear direction for 2010.*** Here are some of the ministry opportunities ahead of us:

- January - Uganda
- April - Ethiopia
- June or July - Mongolia
- September or October - India
- Unscheduled - Indonesia, Greece, Cambodia and Thailand

As we come to the end of 2009, we trust the Lord for His provision for the potentially full year ahead. ***It is clear that we need to increase our monthly support team as the economy has impacted our support base in a significant way.*** Each year we trust God for over \$50,000 for pastors and leaders conferences on top of our monthly support. There are times I say, "Lord this is too much," and then I am reminded of the many pastors I have had the privilege of training and I say "Lord, where you lead I will go!" ***Pray with us for the replenishing of funds for the coming year and please consider us in your year-end giving. Your partnership in every way is a great blessing to us!*** You will find an enclosed response card, check any box that applies to you and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope. Thank you so much!

Kathy and I want to wish each of you a most blessed and Christ-filled Christmas! From our family to yours, may the Lord bless you in all of your ways and may the fullness of His gracious provision be a constant reminder to you of His great love!

Because Jesus is the HOPE of the entire world!

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P.S. If you would like to receive a year end giving statement, email us at joelmadsongtn@msn.com and we will make sure you receive one.

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