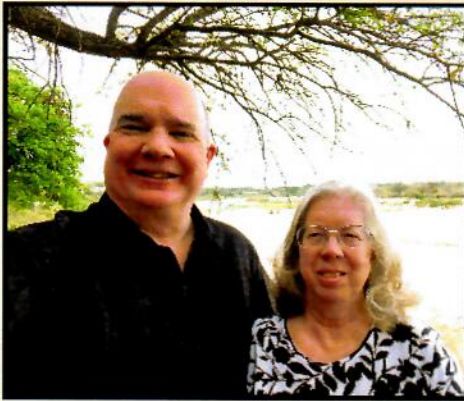


South Africa and Beyond!

Douglas Hammett Family -- Prayer Letter

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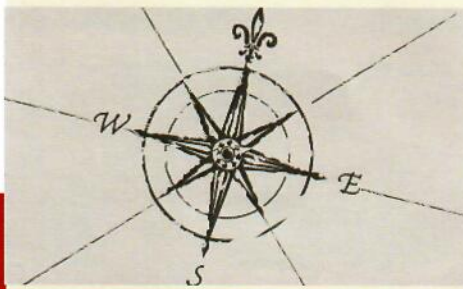
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Dear Pastors, Churches and Praying Friends,

A New Year with new opportunities is before us.

I could speak of the many things that have happened in December: Bible study meetings, conferences, translation projects, new villages opened up and online studies with so many.

It seemed like a slow month but looking back it is refreshing to see the hand of God so very clearly.

A visit from Zambia...

Kennedy, one of the main men in Zambia came to South Africa for the holidays. He was able to stop to see me on Friday, just before Christmas. He told me of the advance of the gospel in that country through so many that are carrying the Gospel Lessons. What a joy...

Proverbs 25:25: As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

A "pastor" begins to teach the Bible...

Kennedy told me about Zulu, a "pastor" of a traditional church. This group of people refuse the Bible and because of that, they refuse Jesus Christ. But Zulu began studying the lessons and has now come to embrace the Scriptures. And it sounds like he may have been converted. He is now introducing the lessons to his people, and we will see where this goes.

We have seen several churches started this way in other countries. These groups of people are often resistant to the gospel, but every so often we find a group that is hungry for truth.

Would you pray for these people?

A banker finding true wealth...

Then there is the Muslim banker. His name will be left out for now. He saw Kennedy meet a man and give him the Gospel Lessons at the bank in town. That led to him asking Kennedy about the lessons.

At first Kennedy refused to give him the lessons because he expected as a Muslim he was not truly interested. And we don't encourage giving out les-

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sons just to have them wasted. But the banker insisted he was interested. So Kennedy gave him the first lesson only and told him he could only have the next one if he finished that one.

The banker returned the lesson finished and not only wanted the next one, he said his wife also wanted to do the lessons. He is nearing the end of the lessons and has said he is very close to following Jesus. In addition he has now organized a few of his friends to do the Gospel Lessons.

Would you pray for him and the others?

And more...

Now imagine my enthusiasm at hearing all of this. But what came next was even more encouraging.

Kennedy explained that he had recruited six people near him who have finished the Gospel Lessons and shown they are serious about following Christ and reaching others.

He has challenged them to each get 10 people, no more, no less. They are to begin them in the lessons and stay up with them over the coming weeks, making sure they are understanding and doing the lessons. The goal is to have all of them finished by early March.

Could it be out of this group that we could find a faithful core group for starting a church? That is my prayer...and I hope you will join me in that.

Kennedy has taken the teaching from our last Ministry Workshop about finding "Key Men" and working with them to reach others with the gospel. For the little instruction he has been able to sit under, he has multiplied it many times over. Would you pray for him as well as the other Key Men?

My Visa...

We still wait to hear on our Visa. My son was denied his Visa application and is appealing that decision now. That makes a denial for us a little more likely.

I do have an option B and option C on the table. But I am still waiting on the decision from the South African government. And likely I will appeal the decision if it is denied. The process for missionaries has changed radically in the last couple years here in South Africa.

Would you simply ask God for HIS WILL? A move would not be the end of the ministry because I am working with men to establish churches in seven countries now. I could continue the work in South Africa on a tourist Visa if necessary. I only need to be in the center of God's will regarding our place of residence.

For the Souls of Men,

Douglas Hammett

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, and Angola