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".... inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these....
you have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:40

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From Arnie's Desk

Dear friends,

Special Christmas Greetings to you and your families. "All those who heard it **MARVELLED** at those things which were told them by the shepherds." (Luke 2:18). Take a moment this Christmas season to tell someone of the miracle on that first Christmas morn and let them MARVEL.

This has been a very busy and tiring year for us with the growth of the ministry, very small staff and financial challenges. But God has been faithful. We were only able to send out two prayer letters this year due

to my having to fulfill the many speaking engagements overseas and our financial needs. We have seen many people come to a saving knowledge of Christ and many more Christian recommitting their lives to the Lord, also thinking more seriously about their walk with the Lord. Families and churches are being strengthened and new churches are being planted by nationals as a result. All that is done because of your prayers and God's doing. We are just His instruments. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and as the Lord leads

and partner with us in the financial needs as we trust God to keep going forward in helping to build up the faith of the saints especially in these days and reaching more people with the gospel.

On behalf of the Board and partners of MATE/FCC we would like to wish you and your families a **"Blessed Christmas and a Spirit led New Year."**

Arnie

India

We praise God for our representative, Tennison Mathew in Karela who works very hard in the schools along with his volunteers in their ministry of teaching moral science to over 10,000 students, and to see the changes that result in the lives of these kids. He works with Vision Bible College which is under the auspices of MATE (an accreditation organization). This

year they had over 30 students graduated with their Bachelors in Theology. Tennison also oversees the MATE Bible School which was established a few years ago and is limited in its growth due to lack of funding.

Despite the restrictions to minister in communities we were able to acquire permission to hold Daily Vacation Bible School in 20 communities and had over 4,000 kids in attendance. We praise God for the way He provided a meal for each kid on a daily basis.

God is doing a great work in India with the opportunity for expansion but we lack the resources to grow. Please pray for Tennison and his family and their needs both for the family and the ministry. His daughter is unable to further her studies in university due to their lack of funds. Until now we have just had a representative of the ministry but are now in the process of setting up a Board and registering a Foundation.



Kenya

A new Keswick Convention was launched in Induvatiru, Kenya (a village area) but because there was no building large enough to accommodate a crowd it was held in the open air. During the week of meetings the father of the host pastor died. He was 90 years with 5 wives, 20 plus children, 84 grandchildren and 36 great grands. Three years prior to his death (due to cancer) he

trusted Christ as his saviour and donated 1 acre of land to build a prayer centre (this will be completed by his children). His funeral was



the largest funeral I have ever attended with thousands of people in attendance including heads of state, professionals from all over the



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country and many people from various parts Kenya. I was privileged to speak at the funeral on the subject **"A man going to Hell with Heaven on his mind."** The Lord blessed that day with many making a decision for Christ.



In July Ethel Wright (one of our Board Members) led a team of 12 to Parma, Italy where we held Daily Vacation Bible School during the day and meetings at nights. It was a successful week with people coming to know Christ and others recommitting their lives to Him. Many of the children prayed to receive Christ on the closing day of the DVBS. The week was climaxed with a concert by Ruth Ann Onley at which several committed their lives to the Lord.



Ecuador

Once you get out of the cities of Quito and Guayaquil the conditions of the rural areas are appalling. We have been visiting and working with communities towards the implementation of sustainable



projects, water and housing. There are many villages that have opened their arms to us to come and help not only with projects but with the word of God as well. We are also proposing to focus on education and training for the youth, adults and children. There are over 50 villages/communities that we have



immediate access to. We have registered a Foundation (FCC Foundation) which will be responsible for the ministries and an association (The People's Industrial Association of Ecuador) which will be responsible for the sustainable projects whereby we would meet their needs and share with them the gospel.



Zambia

The second Keswick in Monze was very successful. During the week many pastors were blessed and challenged afresh as they were reminded of the responsibilities God has entrusted on them. During the Keswick week was the National Day of Prayer which is declared by the government. I was privileged to share the word of God with the presence of heads of government and representatives of government ministries. God touched the hearts of many who recommitted their lives to Him and many pastors and church leaders taking up the responsibility to lead their congregations to pray regularly for the nation.

God has been blessing the work of MATE/FCC because people like you have kept us before the throne of grace. We would covet your continual prayers especially as God opens new doors to take the gospel to those who need to hear it. **WE WORK MAINLY IN RURAL AREAS AND HARDLY IN CITIES** (only when necessary).

NOTE

We are trusting God for each of the countries where we are working to become sustainable.

Presently we are looking at India, Guyana, Kenya, Zambia, and Ecuador. Please pray that the Lord will open the way for this to happen. Pray for MATE/FCC in Canada as we trust the Lord and work toward a project that will sustain the ministry.

Our financial support has greatly reduced



due to many of our supporters who are either retired and are on single income or have gone home to be with the Lord. **PLEASE PRAY FOR US.**

