

*THE WORD
OF GOD
- IN THEIR
HANDS...*



*-AND UPON
THEIR
HEARTS*

*Weber-Kwanja Prayer Letter
Oct-Nov 2007*

Dear partners in God's work among the Kwanjas,
"GIVE THANKS to the LORD, for He is good, His love endures forever." Ps. 106:1

Thank God for freedom for Jerome!

After 4½ months in prison, Jerome was freed! What a joy to have him join us again as part of our team! Jerome gave a testimony and shared several Bible verses with us, including the prayer in Ps. 142:7: "Set me free from my prison, that I may praise Your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me."



Many gathered together to see and greet Jerome when he got back from prison, rejoicing and thanking God for his freedom!

In his testimony, Jerome shared of his situation, how seven people were squeezed into a cell built for two prisoners, how some treated him and those with him roughly as criminals, but others with respect, saying that they didn't belong there, the prison was intended for those who had done crimes, not them. Through sickness and discouragement, God gave Jerome comfort and strength. Jerome shared verses that meant a lot to him, like: Heb. 13: 5b, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." And Rom.8:18, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." He gave a strong testimony of God hearing and answering prayer. PRAISE GOD for His working in Jerome's life through his prison sufferings, and for giving him freedom again!

Thank God for Aids workshops

Someone said recently that our village hasn't been the same since the AIDS workshop held here in July! Many young people understood the message and are afraid

to live the same sexually loose lives they did before. Praise God that the AIDS message was shared in five Kwanja villages.

Thank God for TEACHERS!

I (Joan) have been involved in teacher training, follow-up, and supervising courses. We thank God for the Kwanja teachers who are teaching Kwanja children and adults to read their language. They have held courses in seven Kwanja villages this year. Four more courses have just begun.



Thank God for healing and health

We thank God for bringing us through health challenges. From July 11th through early September, I was taking medicine to slowly clear my body of loa loa filaria parasites. The treatment made me very tired, and at the end of it I was sick for a couple of weeks. I am thankful to finally feel better. (Unfortunately, some of the parasites living under my skin also recovered.) We thank God that Martin recovered from a respiratory infection. Cornelia got very sick with malaria, which delayed her return to Switzerland by two weeks, but she recovered well also.

Thank God for SEMINARS

I enjoyed watching the faces of some of the participants who heard for the first time the story of Daniel. What relief they felt when they heard that God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths! And then came their outbursts of surprise when the tables turned on Daniel's enemies, and they were eaten before they hit the ground! We just finished another 3-day

seminar for church workers, equipping them to share Old Testament stories on cassette tapes in Kwanja. (These were cassettes that Sammy prepared a few years ago.) We also encouraged and equipped them to start reading groups for Kwanjas to read the Kwanja New Testament more easily and to understand the meaning! Those who came expressed how the seminar helped them to take in God's Word for themselves and gave them tools to share it with others.

Thank God with us for:

T **EACHERS** who taught in 6 villages
H **EALING** and health
A **IDS seminars** held in 5 villages
N **EW TESTAMENT** in Kwanja hands
K **NOWING** that His love never fails
S **EMINARS** helping church workers to
get God's Word on Kwanja hearts
G **OOD HARVESTS**, after 3 years of
poor crops here
I **NCREASING** our faith through
difficulties
V **UTE NEW TESTAMENT** will be
dedicated Dec.2nd!
I **MPRISONMENT** turned to freedom for
Jerome!
N **EEDS** and more are daily met by God

G **OING** to visit CANADA soon!

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

Needed – literacy leadership!

Tchi Tchi Samuel, the one whom I was training and counting on most for literacy leadership for the future, left the village to attend the Lutheran seminary for training to become a pastor. This leaves us without knowing who to train to direct literacy in the future. **PRAY that God will provide Kwanja leaders to continue the work, and provide us with wisdom to equip and enable them.**

Needed – a new chief!

We have lived under one chief in our village since we came, until he died a couple of weeks ago. The village elders are pursuing another chief. They want to choose someone among younger men, the ages of our sons, to serve as chief. Some prospective members of the chief's clan have fled to avoid being taken as chief. We desire a Christian chief, but the rituals involved seek to give the chief spiritual powers in opposition to seeking God alone. **PRAY that God will provide a chief with wisdom and faith to lead our village in His ways. PRAY that the village will allow the new chief to choose God's ways over the traditions that seek other spirits for power.**

GOING to visit CANADA soon?

That's right; we will "complete" the Canada part of our furlough beginning in January 2008, after visiting our three kids and my relatives in the US for Christmas break. We plan to "settle" for 3 months in the Vancouver area, then work our way east to Ontario, and end up in the US for Sammy's college graduation in mid-May.

We will be available to speak at churches in Canada from mid-January until mid-May. Please schedule soon to be included in our itinerary, since our time will be limited! We will be glad to share at church services, with church groups during the week, schools, Bible study groups, women's and youth groups, etc. We want to thank you personally for being a part of getting God's Word to the Kwanjas!

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May God bless us all with thankful hearts for all that He has done and continues to do in our lives and through us for others! Thank you so much for being part of His work among the Kwanjas!

Love,

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