



# Africa Missions News

Go...teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
—Jesus in Matthew 28:19

May 2020

EMPOWERING LEADERS THROUGH MINISTERIAL, EVANGELISM, AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING



Africa Missions Board met by Zoom for our meeting. Nerina Smith made masks for us.

## We have been able to do more during the lockdown period than when times were normal!

Although South Africa is still in shutdown, God has opened the doors for us to keep moving forward.

1. All our **meetings** were with Zoom, worked well, and we kept in touch with our fields, with WhatsApp.
2. A **Memorandum of Agreement** was signed with Stafford University in Uganda. Those of our students who qualify can have fully recognized diplomas issued by the university. This applies to graduates and existing students. This is a major step forward.
3. We provided **shelter for foreigners** who were arrested for “trespassing” on United Nations property during the xenophobia outbreak in South Africa. Foreigners from Africa were attacked by locals and their property was either looted or burnt. They were kept in prison awaiting trial for seven months. The Social Justice Foundation mediated on their behalf. Many were released in the prevailing lockdown season. Africa Missions provided shelter on two campuses of which one is ours.
4. I was able to **complete the writing of my book!** More than twenty years ago my good friends, Steve and Lana Bach, suggested I write a book. At last during the lockdown period, I found time to do so. Pray and trust with me that it will have a wide circulation. The book will strengthen the faith of the believer and encourage those called especially to missions to report for duty. I focus on amazing mission stories in each of the chapters. Gary Gilmore was a great help in editing the book.
5. We had ample time for **prayer**. We had inner-closet prayer time as well as with international prayer ministries on Zoom. We have been praying for our partners and mission friends, believing that our prayers have made a difference in their lives. And we believe that with all the prayers prayed globally, we can expect a revival breaking out around the globe in the near future!
6. Friends from the U.K., Neigel and Jennifer Ellis and their team, have shouldered a big burden to **buy property in Rwanda** and work closely with our Bible College staff there! They will be launching an **income generation plan to make our Bible College** more self sufficient. We appreciate their involvement very much.

All this and more during lockdown! We really were not idle! Praise the lord for modern technology! Unfortunately several activities were cancelled due to the lockdown. In fact I already had my boarding pass in hand to fly to Zambia when I was informed by the Zambian Embassy that I would be quarantined for 14 days on arrival. That placed the Fellowship Network conference on hold indefinitely. Five visitors from the U.S. had to cancel their visit too. We had major plans for Uganda in this month and were sad to cancel them also. The same applied to several conferences planned in South Africa. Time and opportunities lost can seldom be regained. But God can perform miracles!

We do miss our **grandchildren** and **activities in the fields** very much, but modern technology helps bridge the gap to some degree.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

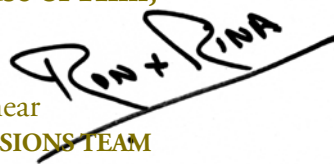
- **Prayer walk planned for Ethiopia** in June with twenty pastors from South Africa Rescheduling for the rest of 2020 when the lock down ends.
- **Training at our Bible College** to recommence soon.
- Purchasing **land in Bujumbura, Burundi, for a local church.**
- Prayer for the family of one of our **pastors who was killed violently in Bujuju, Rwanda**, by a group of evildoers.
- Prayer for **Gary and Judy Gilmore who are back in the U.S.** for a visit. Judy's father is frail and not well at the ripe age of 98.
- Rina's **ongoing food relief** for the poor and destitute

**Lonely?** If you are lonely during the lockdown season, which may also have impacted on your finances negatively, know you are not alone. We are standing with you. Drop us a line and share your burden.



Joy-filled because of Him,

Ron & Rina Kinnear  
and the AFRICA MISSIONS TEAM



*Bear one another's burdens,  
and so fulfil the law of Christ.*  
— Galatians 6:2

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