

Mombasa Update, November 3, 2009

Today we received two emails from Mombasa evangelist Morisho Mutupeke, who speaks on a daily radio program now sponsored by World Radio. A powerful preacher, he also serves as traveling evangelist for evangelistic campaigns and provides training for new congregations. Morisho is a refugee from the Congo, where there is still fighting from rebels in his home area after many years of civil war. In Kenya he learned Swahili in addition to his Congolese tribal language and French. He started a small business of building vehicle seats. With his own funds from his business he took the initiative to begin an early morning daily radio program. Since he is known as World Radio speaker on the Christian FM station in Mombasa he has been able to begin a prison ministry in the government prison. His business was prospering until the post election violence so that now he really struggles just to survive. As a non-citizen, he must have a Kenya partner who owns 51% of the business. His business partner has been cheating him, especially with the economic crisis now in Kenya, so that Morisho earns almost nothing. His heart is really in evangelism where he gives most of his time.

The first email from Morisho is his monthly report to World Radio:

Receive greetings from me and my family. We are happy because the Lord has continued to keep us safe in his arms and all what happens on a daily basis, does so because of his will.

I am deeply moved by the departure (deaths) of Bro. Peter Andhoga and the mother of Isaac Daye. This is a very trying moment for the World Radio fraternity, and my prayer everyday is that the Almighty God will show mercy and comfort to all those that are affected in one way or the other. Meanwhile, I direct my prayer of solace to them.

My prayer at Baraka (Blessings) FM that I have two sessions, which is early mornings and late evenings, has been answered. I will now have two sessions every day for the weeks that I will be speaking. This is, of course, a prayer answered for the many requests that I have had from my listeners that I have more time on air.

I thank God for this opportunity of having time to speak through the radio. Many of the members of our churches of Christ are being encouraged even more, as well as the many people who make calls every day from other churches sending prayer requests. This is a very great ministry that the Lord has decided to use to uplift His people. I am greatly humbled by the fact that you make all this to be possible even amidst a very strong opposition from the Evil One.

*I have a testimony of a certain lady who made the whole family of three to become members of our congregation in Miritini church of Christ. I met this lady while aboard a *matatu* (public transportation van) towards town and a very strange thing happened. This lady happened to be on her days, but she had no idea until the time she wanted to alight. Blood was all over her, she was at the middle of a road, everyone was looking at her with surprise; she was standing there speechless not knowing what else to do. She started sobbing. I was right there and I felt*

the need to assist her. I took off my jacket because it was raining that time and covered her. Another lady just from nowhere brought a piece of clothing to cover her. Then I took her to a nearby restroom so that she could take a shower. Then I bought another skirt for her. After all that happened we parted ways because I was heading to church for Grace Hour (mid-day prayer and encouragement) but she had taken my telephone number. I got a call from her mother that same day requesting that I visit her. They were curious to know me because of what I had done to the lady.

After sharing all that I made an invitation for them to visit our church, which they did. I shared the gospel of Christ with them and they accepted to receive Christ. We baptized them and they are now members of our church in Miritini church of Christ. I want to thank God for his wonderful works. I know surely that God is in control.



Lastly, I have a prayer request; that all my kids are sick. They have been unwell since the downpour started couple of weeks now. So I request that wherever you go down on your knees, please remember them in prayer so that God may provide his healing to them.

Pass my warm greetings to all brethren in Christ. Morisho Mutupeke.

The second email was to us:

Dear Ken and Pat,

Receive greetings in the name of Christ. I am very happy because the Lord has continued to do great things to me and my family. Whatever happens on a daily basis happens because He wills it. I do hope that the same applies to you.

The Lord's work in Miritini church is doing tremendously well and even in other churches around. We have stepped up efforts to widen up the area so that all who agree to hear us will receive the Good News. This has begun and we hope it will continue even more.

Changamwe church has grown and still showing signs of expanding even more. There is absolutely nothing that God cannot fix. We thank God very much for Changamwe church.

Last Sunday 1st November, I did fellowship in Kisauni church while Moses was away at the

beach to begin a fellowship there. The brethren at Kisauni are so lovely and very supportive in that they were ready to donate 22 plastic chairs to Miritini church. This is a great indication that the relationship between our churches is bearing good fruits. We pray that God will continue to strengthen it so that it reaches a point where we don't see ourselves any better than others. During Moses' visit to beach one person was baptized. Glory be to no other but God Almighty. We do also the same even in MEI. We see the hand of the Lord in everything that we do.

I thank God for making my connection to World Radio. As I said in the report, God is using this ministry to uplift the lives of His people. This coming Sunday 8th will be a prayer day for standard 8 pupils at Kimbilio academy. I do request that you join hands with us in prayer so that God sees our kids through their exams well.

My kids are doing well in school. They are now preparing for the end of year exams which are just around the corner.

Lastly, I need some prayers specifically for my family's upkeep. I have some few struggles in my finances but hope that Satan will not use this as a weapon against the Lord's work. I now live by grace as living conditions are shooting up every other day. I request for your prayers on this matter and even for my family.

Pass my greetings to all the brethren. Morisho Mutupeke.

Please keep Morisho and his family along with his very effective ministry in your prayers. We really need to find a congregation to partner with us by providing support for Morisho in this extremely valuable work for the Lord in Mombasa.

May God bless you.

Ken and Pat Beckloff

Note from Pat: We have a prayer group activated to pray for any prayer concern on any of our hearts. The group is composed of some Kenyan brothers and sisters as well as some Americans who have requested to be included in this. Any one can send a prayer request at any time about anything on our hearts. If you would like to receive these confidential prayer requests, please let me know, I will be happy to add you to the list.

Here is a request that came in just a few minutes ago from Brother Michael Mutai:

Pat, receive greetings in the name of Jesus. Dina and I are fine and the children. It seems Mombasa is under attacks once again. The wife of Danson (Mwandoto) has been found with fibroids and needs serious treatment. The doctor told her if she delays will turn to cancer. Pray for her. Michael

The attacks that Michael referred to are on Strong Evangelists in Mombasa. Moses' late wife Jane was the first of now five tragedies or near tragedies that we know about concerning the wives of Evangelists in East Africa among churches of Christ. More instances could have occurred in other East African countries. But we just happen to know one very strong evangelist in Uganda, Grace Nyanga. His wife and one of their children were killed in a terrible automobile accident soon after Jane Gitau's death. Six weeks after Jane's death, John Chege lost his precious wife, Mary during childbirth of their third child. And now Danson's wife has been made aware of a potentially life threatening condition! John and Danson are also very strong, active evangelists all over Kenya in churches that the Mombasa churches have established, as well as in Mombasa. Alice Nyabwa was recently hospitalized for two weeks recovering from a life-threatening miscarriage. We feel Christian couples are under attack in East Africa because there are so very few men who treat their wives as equals enough to work with them and include them in their lives and their work. This is a vital change that needs to take place in the African churches--husbands need very much to grow in God's love to treat their wives as partners rather than in subservient roles. Please join us in fervent prayer for these devoted servants of God. And please pray for the Christian families in Africa.