



Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”
Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.
~ Isaiah 40:9-10 NASB95 ~**

God Bless you, partners and friends!

Sister Claire and I had such a Blessed time ministering in Kenya this past month! It was such a privilege to teach and meet our precious brothers and sisters who attended the meetings — all of whom send their greetings to their Christian family here in the States. Many came to the meetings with high expectations from God. Some came with uncertain expectations, and some even came with wrong expectations. But all of them were touched by the Word and the Spirit!

For the first time, we were able to meet face-to-face ministers with whom we have been connected for years. We felt much like the Apostle Paul when he wrote:

10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. 11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine.

- Romans 1:10–12 NASB95

I know we shared testimonies on social media of a number of miracles and signs The Lord performed for the people — and even for us personally — but I want to give you a more thorough account of our trip, as time and space allow. One word The Lord gave me

for this trip was *Teach* — not preach, but *Teach*. Preaching can be exciting, but teaching helps people connect the dots between what they are doing and what they need to do to receive from God.

So, we left America on Thursday, September 10, for the day-and-a-half-long journey to Nairobi, Kenya. We arrived early Saturday morning, where two of our Kenyan ministers, Brothers Martin and Joseph, met us at the airport and accompanied us throughout the time of our travels. The next day, we all climbed into a van the Kenyans call a *matatu* and rode nearly ten hours to the West Kenyan town of Chwele.

The Lord had impressed upon me to stay at a particular hotel in that town rather than at the one that had been suggested to me beforehand. I am so glad I followed the leading of the Spirit, because the other hotel — the one we had decided not to use — was without power when we arrived! The next day, Monday, we walked an hour and a half to the church for the first day of meetings.

At each church, we held morning and afternoon sessions, with each session lasting two to three hours. We taught on everything from righteousness, forgiveness, healing, honor, joy and peace, the Order of God, prosperity and abundance, tithing and giving. Most of these teachings were very well received. Praise God!

One of our precious Pastors from Uganda, Brother John, was able to travel to Kenya and join us at this first church. He received so much from the Word and the Spirit!

During Tuesday afternoon's session, Sister Claire shared her testimony, and many people learned the value of forgiveness and releasing offenses. Just from that first church we are still receiving testimony of people being healed of problems involving their legs, heads, and eyes—and even of malaria! Glory to God!

The churches we visited were in such impoverished areas that not one of them even had a sign outside the building identifying the church. Many were located so far back in the 'bush' that it was fascinating for the people simply to see a white man or woman! (We thought it was good fun too!)

Our message to them was simple: *Bring your lives under God's Blessing and into the Order of God's Word in Christ Jesus — and the money, provision, and resources will flow just as they do for anyone else who believes and obeys Him.*

We told them the truth that the Word of God is the same in Africa as it is in America. It was a strong message The Lord gave us, and we shared something that many people in

America do not even understand : One of the primary reasons America and European nations are so prosperous is not because their people are *white*, but because, for centuries, at least some of them have honored God through tithing and have brought their lives into the Order of God's Word.

Now, we are not against what other Western ministers or ministries have done. However, many Africans have come to look to Western missionaries primarily for the financial and material relief they bring – with no consideration for spiritual provision. There is nothing necessarily wrong with bringing people food, water, clothing, and money. But after the food is eaten, the water is drunk, the clothes are worn, and the money is spent – the people, specifically the Christians in Kenya, are no better off spiritually or practically if they have not also been taught the Word!

It is perfectly fine to bring these other things *IF* people are also trained in what God expects of them according to His Word concerning their part in His prosperity and provision. If people are continually being taught to depend on other men instead of learning how to trust and obey God for themselves, something is wrong. God is no respecter of persons. What He has done for others, He will do for anyone who will believe and obey Him.

We are not supposed to water down the Word to match our situations, nor are we to make excuses for why we are not experiencing God's Blessing when He freely offers us every good thing because of what Jesus has done. God invites us all to elevate our lives to the standard of His Word.

One of the signs I did not notice until later was the significance of my name and the name of our translator, Brother Joseph. Nicholas means *victor* or *victory to the people*, while Joseph means *He adds* or *He increases*. That is exactly what The Lord brought through our teachings: *victory for the people through the increase of God!* Everywhere Brother Joseph and I ministered, God was bearing witness to the victory of increase He had for His people in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

Also, in every church, we taught on the Tithe and received it on behalf of that church's pastor. We Blessed the people and then handed the Tithe to the pastor. Again, we were not simply preaching; The Lord had led us to *teach*. And the response was wonderful! The people's faith was so stirred up! In addition to money for tithes and offerings, people brought a bag of maize, a huge bushel of bananas, eggs, and even a chicken! Hallelujah! It is all relative to what a person has.

Our African ministers also decided they wanted to rent us a motorbike, which they did. This was so helpful! Thank You, Lord! I do not have time to tell you everything else that happened, but allow me to share a miraculous sign of healing that The Lord performed.

At the second church, in the town of Brigadier, there were about twenty people in attendance. Just before I began my message, I asked The Lord if there was anything He wanted me to do. He whispered to my spirit, "*Pray for ears.*" I'll be honest: the instruction was so subtle that I almost did not act on it! (Really, it would have been my fault if I had failed to obey.)

But I went ahead and asked whether anyone there needed healing in their ears. More than 75% of the people raised their hands! I was shocked! I said, "You ALL need healing in your ears?!" They nodded in confirmation. So I stopped and looked up right there, and said, "Father, how do You want us to do this?" He directed me to have them come forward for prayer one person at a time, working through one row at a time until everyone who needed healing had been prayed for.

So I gave the instructions and said, "Somebody lead us in singing to The Lord!" They sang. They came. I laid hands on them. With one person, following the direction of the Spirit, I even licked my fingers with saliva and placed them in the person's ear! (I did it quickly—before I could reason myself out of it!) Jesus ministered healing in this way on occasion when dealing with the deaf or deaf-mutes.

After everyone had returned to their seats and the singing had ended, I asked them, "How many of you can hear better right now than you could before I laid hands on you?" Eighty to ninety percent of those who had received prayer raised their hands! Glory to God! This was what the Bible calls a *sign* — a confirming sign that the Word being preached was from Him and that He was [literally] *opening their ears* to hear! Hallelujah!

3 ... After [the Gospel] was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

- Hebrews 2:3–4 NASB95

Oh, The Lord met us wonderfully! Glory to God!

Finally, we had the privilege of visiting two orphanages under the care of two of our Kenyan pastors. Sister Claire and I were so Blessed to meet the orphans and some of the overseers. As I walked through the first orphanage, the Spirit of God bore witness

with my spirit that we were to actively do something to help. We are already doing some things, but more plans concerning this will be forthcoming.

Thank you so much for your partnership in The Lord! God did so much more than could possibly fit into one partner letter! As we return home, we still have our normal stateside expenses and obligations, on top of everything we spent for the Kenya trip. As Paul expressed through the Spirit of God, **"But I will most gladly spend [myself] and be utterly spent for your souls."** (2 Corinthians 12:15a) We thank God for you and for your faithful support through your prayers, tithes, and financial contributions.

Your partnership helps make this ministry possible, and we are deeply grateful! We could use some additional help in this season, but God always takes care of us somehow. Hallelujah! Thank you for standing with us as we continue to serve The Lord and minister His Word to precious people around the world. God Bless you abundantly!

As you give, give in faith, give in love, and give in the hope of your harvest—as unto The Lord!

much love,
Brother Nicholas and Sister Claire

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