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*"Let the children come."*

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## Devotional Thought

by Bill Johnson



Old Navy sailors used to say there were three ways to do something: the right way, the wrong way, and the Navy way! There are one-way streets and two-way streets. There are four-way stop signs and cross-traffic-does-not-stop signs. I know, it is sometimes very confusing. But the way we should go is the "Way of the Lord."

The way of the Lord is not always the way that seems right. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25). Throughout Scripture, we find the theme of John the Baptist's sermon: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Jesus' message was the same as John's. Beginning with Abraham, of whom God said would train his offspring in the "way of the Lord," the phrase is repeated many times. In Exodus, God the Holy Spirit, in a pillar of fire and cloud, day and night led the people in the way the Lord wanted them to go (Exodus 13:12). In Deuteronomy, Moses commanded the people to "... keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in His ways and by fearing him" (Deuteronomy 8:6). Joshua commanded the people to "... walk in all His ways" (Joshua 22:5).

For those who would live a fulfilled, abundant life, there is only one way! It is the "way of the Lord." There is only one way for spiritual redemption: the Lord's way. There is only one way to spiritual maturity. It is not "my way or the highway!" The only real highway is God's way, "Oh Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!" (Revelation 15:3).

So, the choices are not those of the old Navy sailor but are: my way or the way of the Lord. The choice is yours. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).



### Phase one building . . .

The multipurpose building, phase one of four, is in the finishing stages. The tile floors and ceiling are about installed in the three bedroom, two bath, upstairs apartment.

Electrical wiring is almost finished and Eleine Abay has already begun planting shrubs and trees. Remaining is the air conditioning, trim and some painting as well as the parking lot.

Although it looked as if funds would be short because of increased prices of building materials, God has blessed with enough, although there will be little left to apply to the next phase.

### Print shop . . .

We are planning to bring Shawn Saulsbury to the Philippines following the dedication to install the Ryobi 3304H four color printing press. This machine is in the shipping container. It will be the first of the print shop. As God provides, we will need to purchase other equipment, including a small digital press, a paper cutter, and a few other pieces of equipment to make a complete print shop. When complete, we think we will reduce the cost of printing literature by at least fifty percent.



The wall separating the print shop/upstairs apartment from the warehouse/assembly hall of the multi-purpose building.)

### Dedication . . .

Rita and I along with John Sanders and his sister Lynda Patterson, will be there to help ICP/His Offspring Ministry with the dedication to be held on May first. The dedication will include a Bible conference and distribution of Bibles, hymnals, school supplies, ICP's Lord of Kings VBS, *Character Code for Life* and many other things for the churches to enhance their children's ministry.



For the first time in several years, I have been able to visit the ministry work in Kenya. Missionary Ernie Hopper is a great host, and he has done a good job of supervision of ICP translators Moses Wanjala and Titus Matete.

God supplied the funds to upgrade their computer to a new iMac and purchase a nice, but smaller digital press to greatly reduce the cost of printing here.

We have taken delivery of eleven hundred copies of CCfL Module 1 curriculum. Moses is planning to have those books delivered to the churches in the next few weeks.

The Landmark Baptist Church where we worshiped was in the High Mountains of Kenya. The little building was filled with worshipers—children, parents and guests—as Ernie Hopper taught a lesson from children’s materials produced by ICP/ Kenya. Children who could read were



**Children of the Landmark Baptist Church in the High Mountains**



**Moses’ Family — Moses and wife Elika, son Haggai, daughters Kayci, Cissy and Vashti**



**Lesson leaflets provided by ICP/Kenya in Swahili language for the children of Kenya**



given a lesson leaflet to follow as Brother Hopper taught. I was blessed to see the happiness of the children. It was also an honor to be asked to bring the morning sermon. In all about sixty sets of CCfL Module 1 preschool placemats were left with the pastor for future use in their Sunday school.



**Pastor of the Landmark Baptist Church in the High Mountains Michael Kool with his wife and children**

Thank you to all those who, by the grace of God, have had a part in the ministry of providing Bible study materials for the churches of Kenya!

— Bill Johnson