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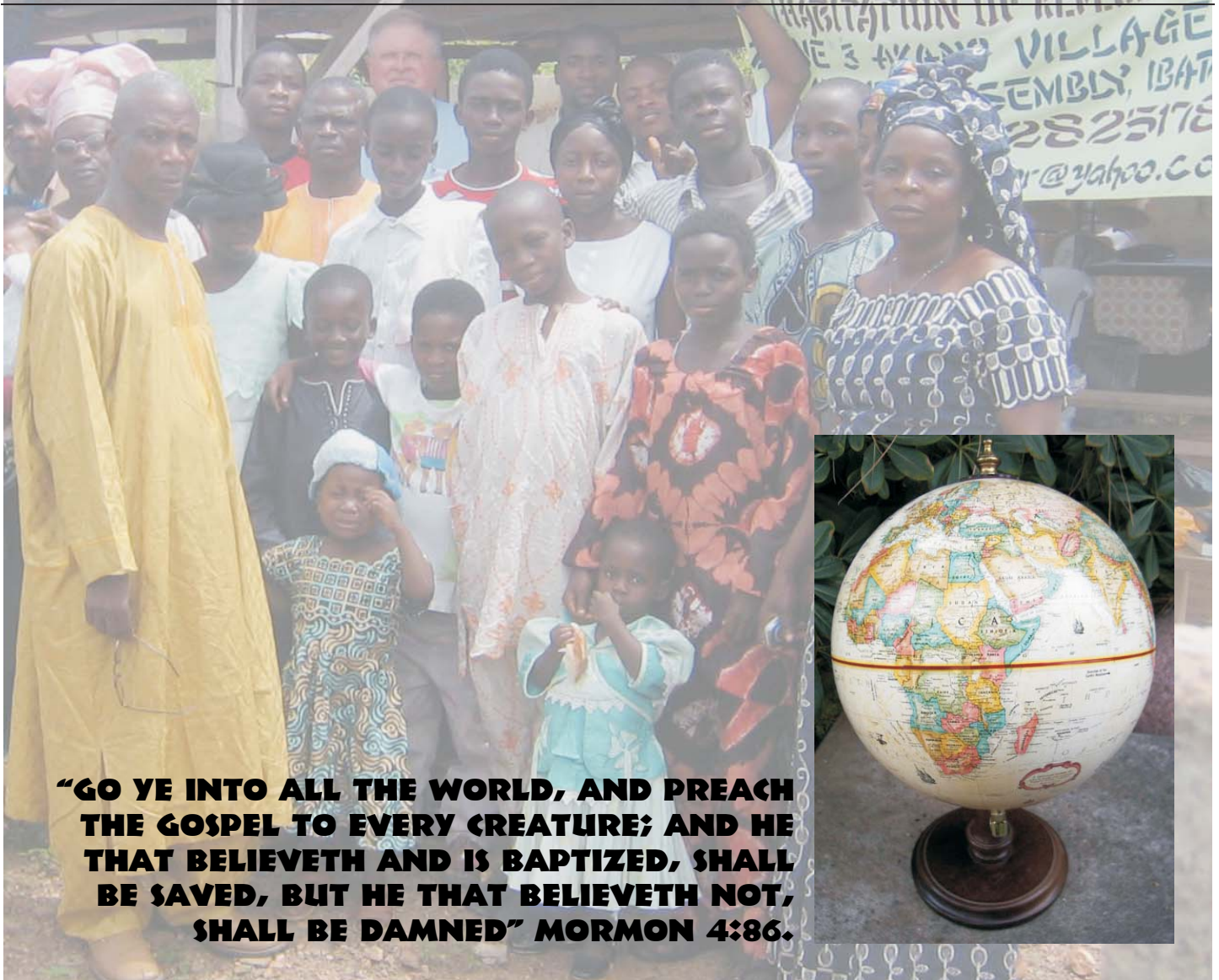
*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."*

1 Nephi 3:187

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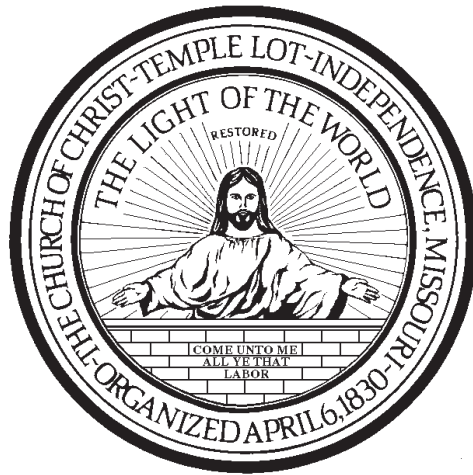


**"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH
THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE; AND HE
THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED, SHALL
BE SAVED, BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT,
SHALL BE DAMNED" MORMON 4:86.**

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 To promote His Teachings and His Church,
 the Church of Christ;
 To be a voice of warning to His people; to be
 Zion's advocate.

AFRICA



By Apostle Brian E. McIndoo

For those who longed to see God's outpouring of blessing on the church as it was in the days of old, the time is at hand. Literally, thousands have joined themselves to the Body of Christ, through repentance and baptism. There should be no questions concerning these conversions, but only praise to God for them.

I am reminded of a story in the Book of Mormon when a similar event took place. The story encourages me to see the reason behind the blessings. The story begins when Helaman takes his place in the judgment seat over the people. Although armed with power, he remained humble and judged

with justice and equity. His greatest qualities were that he kept the statutes and commandments of God, and did what was right in the sight of God continually. Because of this, the church prospered. We read:

"And it came to pass that in this same year, there was exceeding great prosperity in the church, insomuch that there were thousands who did join themselves unto the church, and were baptized unto repentance; And so great was the prosperity of the church, and so many the blessings which were poured out upon the people, that even the high priests and the teachers were themselves astonished beyond measure. And it came to pass that the work of the Lord did prosper unto the baptizing and uniting to the church of God, many souls; yea, even tens of thousands" Hel. 2:22-24.

I, too, am astonished, but recognize that the prosperity of the church in this day is due to the church making an effort to do what is right in the sight of God. Thus, we see thousands of conversions.

I can only speak firsthand about the work in Africa, although I have heard similar reports from the missionaries of other missions. I have seen the work flourish and many blessings poured out due to many visitors, including women,

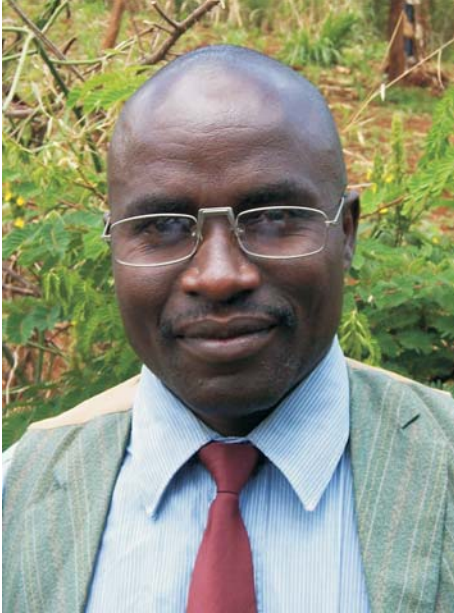
young adults and teenagers who have given of their time and money to go encourage their brothers and sisters in Africa. A great deal of effort was made over the past year to print the Kitabu Cha Mormoni (Book of Mormon) in Swahili. In October of this year, I was pleased to hand out the Book of Mormon to our brothers and sisters who spoke only Swahili and their native tongue. My joy was complete when they stood up and read some of their favorite passages from the Book of Mormon only a few days after they received them.

We have been building churches as the funds permit, in Kenya and Nigeria, and continue to reach out to new locations and groups in Kenya, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria and Uganda. It is a joy to find people who thirst for the Word of God and accept truth when they hear it.

As the work continues to grow, we should all make it an earnest matter of prayer for additional ministry to be called into God's service. Such petitions should not be made only for Africa, but the entire world where God's people meet together without an ordained minister to perform the ordinances of the Gospel.

MY TESTIMONY

CONTINUED



By Teacher Moses Nyamira

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is a good time again to share with you the last part of my testimony, which I wrote in February of 2004.

Now after I received baptism there was a very big change in me because I received the gift of the Holy Ghost. So this time I decided to carry the Book of Mormon and the Bible on my walking ways, while the missionaries were already back in their country. Now what I did, I went to Moja Kwa Moja (straight ahead) to the broth-

ers and sisters to explain to them what I had met and what was the meaning of the Book. When they took heed to all I told them, lastly they said that they had agreed even though they had many questions. From there we started to meet often, according to the days we agreed to fellowship. This time I had an opportunity to teach concerning our church, the Apostasy and the Restoration.

When we were continuing to meet at one of our sister's home, something happened; the same sister was attacked by malaria, and later on she was possessed with demons, and she started prophesying things which seemed to be right to the outsiders. Through this we got many oppositions from the surrounding people, mostly from different churches.

Now she started running here and there shouting that, "Everybody be aware of the demonic church which has come here, and very soon it will take your children to drink blood; already they have started to drink my blood because I had started to

feel weak in my body." She also added, "There is a book they have and there is a snake inside, you'll see it when you burn the book."

Brethren, may I tell you this time the hand of God and His power were upon us where God helped us, when we didn't stop meeting to pray day by day at her home. People were astonished because they were seeing us day by day without yelling. This time her husband was not around; he was in the town of Kericho where he was working. May I say that it was a difficult and hard time of which I can't explain.

One day I walked to her home where she was born and this time she had been taken with her father. In the time I intended to enter in the house where she was she started to tell me that, "You are a devil worshiper, so what I can help you is go and burn that book which you have."

This is the time I experienced the power of God. When she was still talking those broken words she added not to touch her. In my heart I started to tell God

that, "I know my God, you'll not leave me alone and it is the time You have to show Your mighty power towards Your children."

When I finished this silent prayer I felt much power in me, and it forced me to pray in a loud voice by rebuking the devil and his demons. In the time I finished praying I found that sister lying down and in a small voice she was talking, "God forgive me." After this I stretched my hand and lifted her up and I told her, "Get silence, God has forgiven your sins as you have prayed." From that time that sister was normal and from there she is in the church and she is okay.

Few days finished and another chapter raised. Preachers from different churches started to tell people about me and the church I belong to is a demonic church. They went as far as to report to the chief how our church was eating children and drinking blood. The chief was ready to take me into prison, but he changed his mind and decided that he was to do investigation first. This time was a hard time to me because in our house there was none to come even to visit us. Not only that, when I tried to walk on the road if somebody was coming in front of me and noticed that I was the one coming in front of him or her, he or she

was to find a way to escape. Bad luck during that time, there was rumors all over the country of stealing children.

One day I went with Brother Michael to the village of Kebabe where we had a gospel meeting. At the time we left home people went to my home and told my wife that "your husband has been found in a certain town with a child running, and he was chased with people who took him to prison and for a short time they didn't find him in prison."

So this thing troubled my wife and she was confused because she knew that I was at Kebabe. When we returned home my wife was surprised and happy to see me again because they had told her that people were going to wait for me on the way to kill me. So this time we stayed in fear especially in my house. The only thing we did this time we just trusted in God to protect us.

After a few days I heard a warning that in the time a child was lost from my area people were to come and burn me, my wife, my children, and my everything. In fact we had a hard life, especially to the members, because we were praying to God to protect our members and their children such that the devil may not have a chance to kill them. But I thank God because He heard our prayers

and really He granted His protection to everybody (Psalms 23).

So there is nothing happening around my area like stealing children and I thank God of that because I have seen His hand towards me up to now. From there God has changed things because we have a big number of people who had agreed with the Gospel we are preaching by testifying that it is true, even though they have not joined the church.

It is when I came to know that it is true as the scripture says:

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee" (Revelation 3:8-9).

May God Bless you when you read these testimonies.

*Thank you,
Teacher Moses Nyamira*

REPORT

CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NIGERIA, AFRICA



► From left to right: Paul, David, Samuel, Greg, Joseph Amoo and Joseph Aluko.

a simple, non-complicated type with a happy spirit. When we arrived in Ibadan we checked into our hotel and then headed to the church's office that was nearby. We met with the leaders of three congregations: Joseph Aluko, Joseph Amoo, Samuel, Greg and David. A schedule of plans for each day was decided, along with any issues towards organizing the work here. That first afternoon we met at the Alundi mission for services. During my first sermon, a torrential rain made it difficult for the congregation to hear the message. Brother Smith had

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
On September 20, 2005, I had the privilege of traveling to Nigeria with Apostle Smith Brickhouse. We arrived in Lagos after approximately 17 hours of travel. We met with our Nigerian brothers at the airport to take us to where we would spend the night. There were many to welcome us. After a good night's sleep, we had breakfast and set off to our destination, Ibadan. The drive was scenic, with plenty of palm, banana and orange trees. One rule of the road here, the horn must work before the car goes into gear. The people seem to be



► Elder Adam Porter and a new member.



► Church of Christ Alundi Mission in Ibadan, Nigeria.

the privilege of performing a baby blessing.

Over the next several days we had meetings at the office with the leaders and two others, Paul and Simon, who are from two separate villages that are interested in the Church of Christ. We studied many subjects with them with the purpose to take the information back to their congregations.

There were twenty interested candidates for baptism between the three congregations, so we had three baptism studies in order to understand

the knowledge and desire of each individual.

We had the opportunity to visit the town of Adu, about two hours from Ibadan. Samuel drove us in his brother's car that he graciously loaned to us. We were able to visit with some of the members there and speak with interested individuals as well. We were able to open up the church building and hold services. Once again, it rained. We had no power for lights, so we moved the pulpit near the door, where there was still some daylight. Both Smith and I

preached here. We also visited with a man who recently lost his wife in an auto accident, leaving three young children, one being a newborn. We asked a blessing upon his family.

A plan was laid out for Samuel to visit Adu every other week. Thankfully, Samuel has a young man named Michael in his congregation who can lead services for him in his absence. When we left Adu and headed back to Ibadan, we had a breakdown, just a tire. Our brothers took care of it and we were on our way. The rough roads can

make quick work of a tire.

On the day of the baptisms, a nice spot had been found. The leaders, members and candidates all met and we gathered at the lake. We opened the baptism service with prayer, and one by one they entered the water. According to the Lord's blessing the rain held off until we had finished with the laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit. We believe that the work will flourish here and there will be many more souls won through Christ. There is a great need for minis-

try to be called; however, in God's time.

We had sacrament services at the Acobo, Alundi and Arissa missions. We enjoyed the sweet spirit with each of these groups of brothers and sisters. In this area there are many denominations teaching different doctrines. These people always appreciate hearing the fullness of the gospel and Christ's teachings from all those who have visited them from the Church of Christ. We ask an interest in your prayers for this area of the

Master's vineyard. I hope to visit these dear people once again. As we departed for home, we were asked to tell their brothers and sisters in America that they love them, and to say "Hello."

*Your brother in Christ,
Adam Porter*



► From left to right: David, Greg, Paul, Joseph, Joseph, Apostle Smith Brickhouse and Samuel.

COMPARISON OF THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

AND THE BOOK OF MORMON

Other Books
(Relating to time period)

The Event

The Date
(Approximate)

The Event

Job

The Creation (Genesis 1, 2) 4004 B.C.
 The Great Flood (Genesis 6-9) 2319 B.C.
 The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11) 2144 B.C.

The birth of Abraham (Genesis 11) 1967 B.C.
 1900 B.C.

The birth of Isaac (Genesis 21) 1867 B.C.
 The birth of Jacob (Genesis 25) 1782 B.C.
 Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt (Genesis 37) 1690 B.C.



Israel came to Egypt (Gen. 46) 1678 B.C.
 The birth of Moses (Exodus 2) 1543 B.C.



The Exodus of Israel (Ex. 2 - Dt.34) 1462 B.C.
 Joshua invades and conquers Canaan (Joshua 1 - Judges 21) 1422 B.C.

1216 B.C.

The reign of King Saul (1 Sam. 9-31) 1065 B.C.

1 Chronicles, Psalms

The reign of King David (2 Sam. 11-23) 1025 B.C.

2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes

The reign of Solomon (1 Kings 2-11) 985 B.C.

870 B.C.

(The Nephites)

(The Jaredites)



The Jaredites crossed Asia and traveled to America (Ether 1)

Divisions began in the New World & Omer and his people fled to the east coast of Mexico. (Gulf of Mexico). Ether 4:4

Because of growing iniquity the land was afflicted by hunger and a plague of serpents. Many fled to land southward. (Ether 4:35)



King Lib traveled farther south and built a city in the narrow neck of land. (Ether 4:68)



Secret combinations of bandits began to grow throughout the land. (Ether 4:88)

Isaiah, Jonah, Hosea, Joel

The ten tribes of Israel (Samaria) were conquered by Assyria and carried into captivity. (2 Kings 17, 18)

721 B.C.

(Destruction of Judah by Babylonia)

Daniel, Ezekiel

The first deportation

606 B.C.

Jeremiah, Lamentations

The second deportation

598 B.C.

Zephaniah Habakkuk

Zedekiah became King of Judah (2 Chronicles 36)

597 B.C.

Lehi and his family left Jerusalem crossed the sea and came to America. (1 Nephi 1, 2, 5)



2 Kings 25

Destruction of Jerusalem and temple by the Chaldeans (2 Chr. 36)

586 B.C.

570 B.C.

The Nephites and Lamanites separated. The Nephites traveled into the wilderness to the north (2 Nephi 4)

Nehemiah, Esther

Babylonia conquered by Media-Persia (Daniel 2, 5, 7)

539 B.C.

Ezra, 2 Chronicles 36:22

A remnant returns to Jerusalem (Ezra 1-6)

536 B.C.

450 B.C.

Because of the secret plans of evil a revolution against King Coriantumr began to grow among the people of the land (Ether 6:16)



400 B.C.

Ether saw the destruction of the Jaredite civilization. Archaeologists tell us that the Olmec civilization ended near 400 B.C.



Malachi writes the last book of the Old Testament.

397 B.C.

Persia conquered by Greece (Daniel 2, 7)

333 B.C.



200 B.C.

Mosiah led the Nephites to the north and discovered the people of Zarahemla. They united (Omni 1:23)

(Coriantumr was found by the people of Zarahemla and lived with them for nine months) {Omni 1:37}

Greece conquered by Rome (Daniel 2, 7)

197 B.C.

Zeniff returned to land of Lehi. (Mosiah 6)

140 B.C.

Alma began the church. (Mosiah 9:49)

Mark, Luke
Mark, Luke



Amos 8;
2 Thessalonians 2



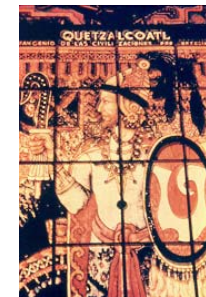
The birth of Christ (Matthew 1)
The crucifixion of Jesus and His resurrection (Matthew 27, 28)
The Church of Christ began on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
The conversion of Paul (Acts 9)

The first journey of Apostle Paul
Apostles Paul and Peter put to death by Rome.
The temple of Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans and the Jews were carried captive to Rome.
Apostle John received the book of Revelation.

The Roman Catholic church began the baptism of children.

The apostasy of the Church of Christ (Revelation 12:6)
The Roman Church began praying to Mary.

- 130 B.C. A group of explorers discovered the Land of Desolation. (Mosiah 9:167)
- 122 B.C. Zeniff and Alma returned to the Land of Zarahemla (Mosiah 11:76)
- 90 B.C. Alma began the government of Judges (Alma 1)
- 85 B.C. The four sons of Mosiah preached to the Lamanites. (Alma 12-16)
- 72 B.C. Warfare began among the people of the land.
- 6 B.C. The prophecies of Samuel the Lamanite (Helaman 5)
- 1 B.C.
- 33 A.D.
- 33 A.D. The resurrected Christ appeared in America (3 Nephi 5-13)
- 37 A.D. A time of peace and unity filled all the land. (4 Nephi 1)
- 45 A.D.
- 67 A.D.
- 70 A.D.
- 96 A.D.
- 200 A.D. There began to be divisions and wars once again. (4 Nephi 1)
- 254 A.D.
- 320 A.D. All the land was engaged in warfare between the Nephites and the Lamanites. (Mormon 1)
- 420 A.D. Nephite civilization was destroyed (Mormon 4)
- 570 A.D.
- 593 A.D.



	The papacy forbids reading the Bible	1229 A.D.	
1 Nephi 3:	The beginning of the Inquisition according to prophecies in Revelation 13:7 and Daniel 7:21	1231 A.D.	
	Baptism by sprinkling began.	1311 A.D.	
	The U. S. A. was made a free nation.	1776 A.D.	(According to prophecies in 1 Nephi 3:155 and 2 Nephi 7:18)
Daniel 2	The Restoration of the Church of Christ according to prophecy in Revelation 14:6	1830 A.D.	(According to prophecies in 1 Nephi 3:198-203 and 2 Nephi 12:40-44)
	Work opened among the Maya people	1951 A.D.	(According to prophecies in 1 Nephi 4; 1 Nephi 7; Jacob 3; 3 Nephi 7; and Romans 11)
Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25	The liberation of Jerusalem	1967 A.D.	(According to the prophecy of Jesus in 3 Nephi 9:85-93)
	First church organized in Honduras	1998 A.D.	(According to prophecies in 1 Nephi 4; 1 Nephi 7; Jacob 3; 3 Nephi 7 and Romans 11)
Matthew 24:14; Isaiah 55:4, 5	The work began in nations of Africa and grew rapidly.	2000 A.D.	(According to prophecy in 1 Nephi 3:192-194, 199-202)
	The work opened in the Philippines and rapidly advanced.	2001 A.D.	(According to prophecy in 1 Nephi 3:192-194, 199-202)



REPORT

My Safari to Africa

By Michelle Ely

I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to visit Kenya twice and Tanzania once. I've been at church services in sixteen different congregations, and many of them I've been able to visit twice. I thank God for these opportunities. I have had many wonderful experiences, and am left with many fond memories. I have many friends in Africa now who hold a very special place in my heart. They welcome us into their homes and their churches with much love and kindness. In a song service the other night in Phoenix someone called for the song "Pass Me Not." My eyes filled with tears as we sang this song because we sang this same song

many times in the services in Africa. I could hear my brothers and sisters in Africa singing "Yesu, Yesu" (Savior, Savior) in my mind, and it made me miss them very much. I will always think of them now when I hear that song.

This year I was filled with joy to be able to watch Brian give out Book of Mormons translated into Swahili to my brothers and sisters. It was a wonderful blessing for the Church of Christ, and they were very happy to receive them.

I was able to see the hand of God working in Africa. I could see the dedication of our ministry and leaders working among the people to further spread the gospel. This year we had services in a place called

Nyamecheo. We don't have members there yet, but Moses Nyamira (whom we fondly call Peter Moses) has been going there and teaching the people and there is much interest.

The last time I went to Kenya we didn't have any members of the Church of Christ from the Maasai tribe, but this year we did. We had a service with them this year and I could feel the spirit of God with us that day. We now have a majority of members from the Kisii, Maasai, and Lual tribes, and a few members from other tribes as well.

Toward the end of our trip we went to Arusha Tanzania to meet with a member of yet another tribe. He is not a member of the Church of Christ at this time, but he is reading the Book



► From left to right: Erica Moser & Michelle Ely



► From left to right: Elder Moses Ohuru, Teacher Moses Nyamira, Priest Moses Mokweri, Elder Michael Otero.

of Mormon and he had many questions for our ministry.

I've also been able to see much of God's creation during the time I've spent in Africa. I've been to the Mara Game Preserve and have seen many different animals. I've seen Lake Victoria,

the Rift Valley, and Kilimanjaro. I was thankful to be able to see all these things.

The people I've met and the experiences I've had in Africa have touched my life greatly. My outlook on life, the things I value, and the desires of my heart have

all changed. My life has been greatly blessed by being able to spend time in Africa. I will always thank the Lord for that time.



► Elder Moses Ohuru with Paul Kayiok and family.

OBITUARY

Forest Eugene Maley

August 21, 1918 – October 27, 2005

Forest Eugene Maley was born August 21, 1918, in Perry, Iowa, to Levi Wm. and Frances Lauretta Tullis Maley. His family of eight moved to Lamoni, Iowa, where he attended school and graduated from Lamoni High School. After high school he began his working career as a typewriter repairman and shortly after worked in his relative's wooden leg business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In those early days he held many jobs around the country, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to West Hope, North Dakota. He also attended trade schools in machine tool design and drafting, which then shaped his working career.

As a young man, Forest was a member of the Church of Christ, and later was called to be an elder in the church, and served as General Church Secretary for many years, and briefly as pastor of the Temple Lot Local.

In the early 1940s he came to Independence to a Church conference where he met Minnie "Irene" Yates. A romance blossomed, and on October 5, 1947, they were married. To this union were born five children: David Lee, Rebecca Susan, Bonnie Gayle, Julie Ann, and Mark Dean.

Forest was employed in the Kansas City area as a draftsman and machine tool designer at Butler Man-



ufacturing, Bendix Corporation, and Kenworth Motor Truck. In 1973, because of a shift in available work in his field he, Irene, Julie, and Mark moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa. He worked for several engineering firms in that area. In 1982 he and Irene moved to the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. There he was employed by FMC Litton and worked on weapons systems for the government. In 1988, at 70 years of age, he retired and he and Irene returned to their home in Independence. In 1996 when Irene's health began failing they moved to the home of their daughter

in Higginsville, Missouri.

Forest passed from this life on October 27, 2005, in Lexington, Missouri, following a brief hospital stay with deteriorating health. Forest was preceded in death by Irene, his wife of 52 years, his parents, his sister Madilyn and brothers Tom and James. Survivors include one brother, Robert Maley, and one sister, Katherine Moyer, all five of his children, seven grandchildren, three great-grand children and many friends.

Visitation for Forest was held at the Carson-Speaks Chapel in Independence, Missouri, on Sunday, October 30th, at 7 p.m., and the service was Monday the 31st at 10 a.m. Forest's body was laid to rest in the Mound Grove Cemetery, next to his wife Irene, about two miles north of the Temple Lot Church of Christ. He was carried to his resting place by his two sons, three grandsons, and two sons-in-law.

Forest will always be remembered for the years that he was the General Church Secretary, before the days of computer and word processor, and the dedication that he gave to that responsibility.



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The **2006 Ministers' Conference** (general membership) for the Church of Christ will commence Sunday, April 2. The business sessions will start at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 3. A **Solemn Assembly** will be held prior to the confer-

ence, on March 31 and April 1. All services will be held on the Temple Lot.

The **2006 Ministers' Conference** (priesthood membership) of the Church of Christ will be held the three days following the April Ministers' Conference, at Independence, Missouri.

CLARIFICATION

The sermon, "America," in the November, 2005, *Zion's Advocate*, references Mohammad. The information is given to contrast Muslim beliefs with Christ's teachings, and is not intended to suggest that the author concurs with the teachings of Mohammad.