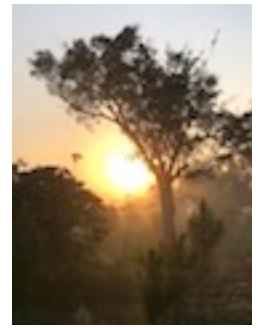




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Ac. 14.23 – “And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.”

Special Thanks!

We thank those who could send extra gifts and Christmas cards for the holidays. It is a joy to hear from you all! Thank you Suzanne, our personal friend, for your gift. Thank you to the folks at Ice Creek for your project funds as well as Calvary Baptist for a special gift.

Special Ordination Service!

God has wrought wonderfully! We are about to embark upon a journey that we trust will be successful with your prayers. My son, Abraham and I fly out on 15Jan2024 to get the roof on the Mbulamuti work. Please pray for travel mercies, material costs, and sound decisions for this ministry. On 18Feb2024, we will ordain the national, Brian Nyesiga, Pastor of Faith Independent Baptist Church of Mbulamuti. We are planning a very special ordination service for that event. The Lord's work in the life of young preachers is special. Many people have taken part in the lives of individuals surrendering their life to the Lord's call. The content of an ordination is serious. The doctrines of God's Word are to be preached by ordained men of God. The guests at an ordination are a testament to what the Lord is doing, both in a ministry and in the

man of the hour. There will be special guests at our Mbulamuti ordination service. There will be missionaries who have invested or known the individual and ministries that have forwarded the subject of the event. Churches are represented that have sacrificed manpower, monies, and materials to see a work established, especially on a foreign field. The investment is very large and in some cases larger than those on the soils of familiar countrymen.

Among the guests coming to the ordination for this new minister will be Pastor Edward Barclay, the new pastor, from our sending church. We welcome his attendance for two good reasons. First is representation. His presence says that the church of my lifetime membership has made huge contributions toward the Great Commission. God blesses the Biblical origin of church planting. Second is the cultural statement. We have been on the field long enough for a worldview to influence us. One of the most important things in the African culture is a first. We arrived years ago, as new missionaries, and learned that the Ugandans loved Bill Clinton. They told us that he was the first American President to visit their country. They proudly showed us the hotel room where he stayed. I learned that being someone's guest in an inconvenient spot earns unparalleled respect. It shows people you care about their place. I wish to thank Pastor Edward for taking time to come, because some would shrink away from that responsibility to the high commission of our Lord Jesus! Bro. Edward has been at least prudent in giving my family the space to deal with things when he saw there were many strivings of

heart upon our return for furlough. We consider it a blessing for him to come for the sake of Christ.

Truly, A Faithful Friend!

We attended the memorial service and paid our respects to Dr. Clarence Sexton during the Christmas break. My wife graduated from The Crown College where my eldest daughter now attends. Dr. Sexton held what their church refers to as the Faithful Friends Conferences. I was not a close friend of his but I did find that Dr. Sexton was truly a faithful friend to God. The day following his passing I wrote down three things that I saw in his life and ministry. First is his influence. He struck me as one of few men who still believed, with a broken heart, in the possibility of a wide spread Biblical revival. Second is the power of one individual. He demonstrated to me personally that he believed one man can make a difference! He allowed the Crown Choir to come, though weary from their Troy Ohio meeting, to sing for our church's Christian school chapel the next morning upon my request. He will always be special to me because of that single act of kindness. Third, Dr. Sexton seemed to promote a wholesome indoctrination. He spoke against modernizations that undermine a holy spirit of corporate worship at God's house and he was not afraid to speak on political issues or candidates. He used his pulpit to make a difference and held to his convictions all the way to the end.

Independent Fundamental Baptists will miss a truly faithful friend in the cause.

Better equipped with your prayers!

Missionaries,
Charles & Madelon Siekbert & Kids
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