

# A cross. The world.

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Pastor and Praying Friends,

In just six weeks, we will be departing Africa for our first furlough. It is simply amazing how quickly the time has gone by and how much has taken place in the last three years. As you might imagine, we have mixed emotions about returning to the United States. In one sense, it will be great to see loved ones, introduce our daughter Felicity, report to our supporters, and to teach our children about Chik-fil-A, Mexican food, and boiled peanuts. On the other hand, we are sad to leave our home and ministry. We are looking forward to it, but it is not without its bittersweet elements.

Since our last report, we have had two more people baptized and saw several more people make professions in Christ. Our church doesn't have a baptistery and we had no access to a pool this time, so we went to a nearby beach for the baptisms. It is winter in our part of the world, and as such, it was very cold. Though they had been saved for some time, the Lord put it on their hearts to not only follow Him in believer's baptism, but also that it could not wait for warmer water. It was a special time for our church to see two believers living out the Ethiopian's question, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

Last week we launched our church's first Vacation Bible School and we had a tremendously successful time. Each day we had around fifty children from impoverished neighborhoods for three hours of Bible lessons, skits, games, lunch, and a guest evangelist. These desperate children are from a community ravaged by immorality, violence, abuse, and false religion. We will never know the end result of the work, but we do know that the children received no less than five clear encounters with the Gospel, many for the first time. All told, we had eighty-five different children over the week and several of them made professions in Christ. It was a large step of faith for our small church to undertake and it benefited them greatly to be involved in sharing the Word of God to their community.



We will begin our furlough on September 5th and look forward to seeing many of you as your schedule and ours allow. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Jeff Clifford

So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

I Thessalonians 2:8

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