

Newsletter #15 – November 16, 2014

I apologize for getting this month's update to you later than usual. I've been sick the past few days with some sort of illness that is going around the school here. Fever, cough, etc. Four of us were out sick on the same day, and when you have a teaching staff of about 15 that's a lot! But, luckily one of my neighbors, Jessica, is a missionary nurse here and she was able to advise me and check up on me. And, my other neighbor, Sandi, took care of me and made sure I had plenty to eat! I was well cared for! I'm back to school now and in the full swing of things.

I'd like to thank those of you who've been concerned about me with regards to the Ebola outbreak. Please be aware that I am literally THOUSANDS of miles away from the nearest current case, and it never made it to my country at all! Please take a look at the pictures at the end of this letter for a clearer understanding. I'm located just under the "N" in the first picture. The second picture will give you an idea for just how big this continent is.

I've begun holding workshops here at school for the students. Topics include how to study for a test, remembering strategies, note taking, etc. At the last seminar I had 13 students show up, with a total of about 70 students in the school that's almost 20% of the student body! I've even been invited to present the seminar to the 5th and 6th grade students at the elementary school.

I'm continuing to teach my performance art class to the 7th and 8th graders here, on top of my many other responsibilities as Learning Support Specialist, and Director of Discipline. I'm tutoring a handful of students during the day as well as advising teachers on how to help their students with learning difficulties in the classroom.

The neighborhood bible club for the local children is still underway. We sometimes have a hard time meeting because of weather or sickness. We're in the rainy season...and I mean RAINY!! Sometimes the lady who hosts us is not available so our prayer is that we can establish a good meeting place in order for us to hold a bible club meeting every single week for these children. When we are able to meet we sing praise and worship songs, go over bible memory verses, and we are currently in the middle of the story of Joseph. Please pray that we can establish a routine bible club for these children.

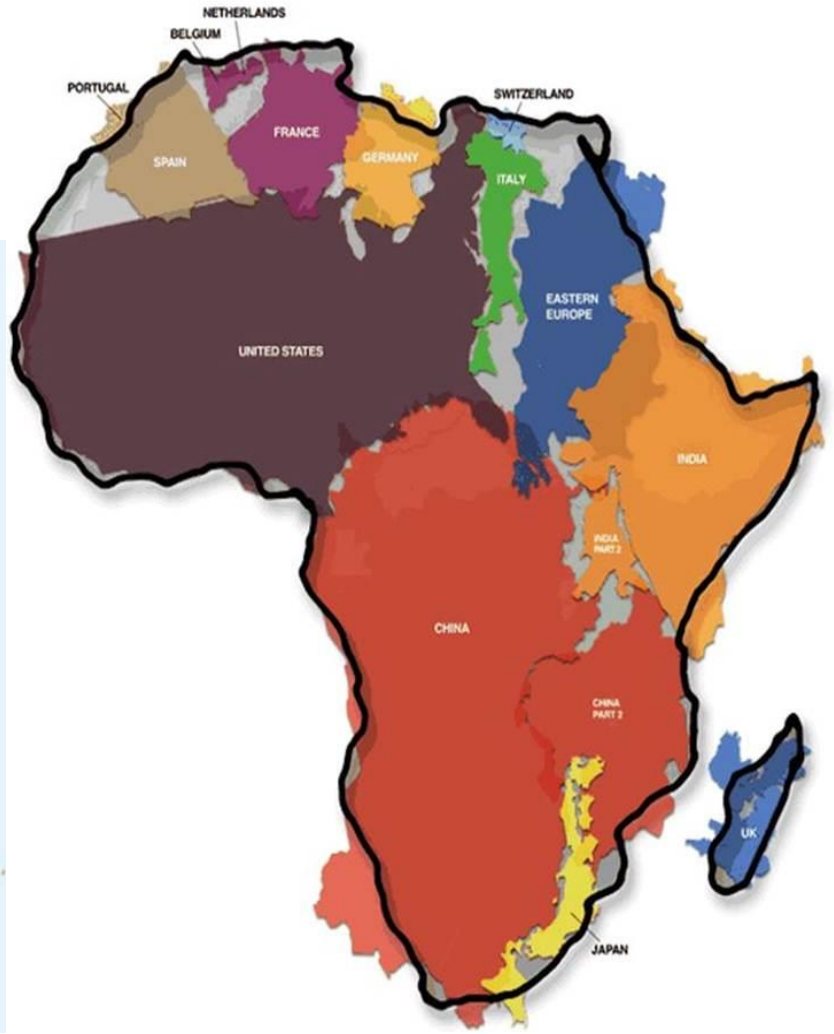
You have no idea how much I thank God for each of you who donate to my ministry on a regular basis. Your monthly financial support is making a difference in the lives of the people I come in contact every day here in Africa. There are still some months where my support falls just short of what I need. I encourage you to approach your churches, bible study groups, clubs, and other organizations with the idea of supporting this ministry with a small monthly gift. It is also possible (and easy!) to set it up automatic giving. I am happy to provide more information on my ministry to help your group make a decision. Just write and ask!!

I have a prayer request for you that is near and dear to my heart. As Director of Discipline I come in contact with a lot of students who do not know the Lord personally. Students who, I believe, have behavioral problems because of a deeper spiritual issue. There are a handful of students here this year who fit into that category. I can't give you their names because of privacy issues of course, but I would like to ask you to add them to your prayer list. We have one student who is having a particularly difficult time. He's in 11th grade and has admitted to selling drugs on the street and has shown up to school under the influence of marijuana. His older brother has made a commitment for Christ and completely turned his life around. But, this one particular student is still holding on to his old ways. He often doesn't show up for school and when he does he makes almost no effort to do any work. Would you pray for him? There are a few students who look up to him and, we fear, might be trying to follow in his footsteps. But, our God is a big God! If this student turns his life around, perhaps the others will too!

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I appreciate you all very, very much. Your prayers and support are the biggest blessings in my life.



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“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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