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1 Corinthians 1:27-29

“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”

It is in humility that we experience repentance and forgiveness. God gives grace to the humble. Those who are foolish, weak, lowly and forgotten often recognize their need for God’s amazing grace and saving power. Many such people on the Horn of Africa and around the world are experiencing God’s amazing grace and saving power today.

Jesus came as a humble peasant into a poor family – not by accident, but by design. God’s salvation story is full of characters like you and me who have been transformed, not because they deserved grace, but because they recognized how desperately they needed grace.

I praise and thank God for His amazing grace and saving power at work in me, you, our loved ones and many lives around the globe. I praise and thank God for calling me and partners like you to be used by Him as His instruments to encourage, empower, support and release leaders into His great disciple making movement which began when Jesus was with us and continues through Jesus within us. I praise God and thank you for partnering with Jesus in His Miraculous Global Disciple Making Movement.

When all the stories of God’s amazing grace and saving power through the ages are told in glory, no one will be silent. We all will gratefully praise God for amazing grace and saving power.

This year’s goal is to provide transportation, housing costs and training for 2 groups of approximately 20 leaders each, at 2 separate venues in Ethiopia during the 1st week. These leaders are faithful to train leaders who will train leaders in various regions throughout the Country, exponentially multiplying our efforts in the weeks, months and years to come! The 1st 2 days in Kenya will be used to preach, teach, worship, fellowship and encourage “The Church at Fahari” (a church planted at the Fahari Hotel as a result of this missionary partnership) and Grace Church at the LMI campus to be followed by a 3 day Leader Training event at the LMI Training. This will be the 4th consecutive training event largely made up of returning students and additional 1st time students who are sure to participate. There are 20—30 leaders from various ministries in Nairobi and beyond expected.

Please continue to pray for the following:

- The Lord’s provision, protection and perfect plan of peace with Him be granted throughout the entire “Greater Horn of Africa,” whose people are suffering from draught, famine, terrorism, civil war and persecution of various types from various perpetrators.
- The Lord’s financial provision of approximately \$3,500.00 to cover all expenses.
- That the Lord would make clear to you, His will and our part in continuing this important mission.
- Miraculous Holy Spirit filling, empowering and enablement for the Lord’s harvesters and His harvest.
- The Lord’s guidance, provision, protection and blessing in our 2018 missionary efforts to Africa
- The Lord would multiply our efforts and bring radical transformation through our partnerships.

If you are led of the Lord to pray, please let me know that you are doing so, as it always is a great encouragement to know who is praying. If you desire to give your financial support, checks may be sent and made payable to **Crossway Christian Church, PO Box 363, Saco, Maine 04072: Attention Church Treasurer.** Please note on the memo line: Africa 2018 and Paul “Chico” Parker.

I thank God and pray His constant blessing upon you all for your faithful and continued partnership, support and encouragement in ministry.

Sincerely Yours,
Paul “Chico” Parker
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