

GARY REPORT

Africa At A Turning Point

It seems quite evident that what is taking place in Africa now regarding the Bride is maturation and even a higher level of commitment, function, and even fulfillment. I will give examples from both Caleb and Walter, beginning with these reports from Walter.

I had very fruitful meetings in Mombasa [Kenya] and Zanzibar [Tanzania]. In Mombasa I was expecting to meet with 400 Muslim leaders; but when I reached there I found 740 Muslim leaders who are now believers of the Bride movement. They have applied for their movement to be registered by the county government of Mombasa. Among them were 40 sheikhs.

Subsequently, Walter advised me that there are now 984 Muslim leaders who have registered to join the Bride group and they have also formally registered with the county government of Mombasa (which by the way cost them \$1,000 to do so). After the very successful meeting in Mombasa, Walter was flown to Zanzibar, Tanzania, whose population is almost entirely Muslim. Six hundred and seventy Muslims attended, which included 50 sheikhs.

In Zanzibar I witnessed something that I have never seen since I started teaching the Bride truth. The seriousness that I witnessed was a miracle. The government officials were there to hand over the certificate of registration to the Bride brothers. In Zanzibar the Bride is now a registered religion called The Bride Faith Of Zanzibar. This was something that I didn't expect, and the kind support they were giving each other was a miracle. Most of them are ready to die defending the Bride faith. Brother these people made me feel and realize the fruits of what we have been sacrificing for. I am really encouraged! I lost my phone on my way back home, but that didn't stop the good feelings and spirit I came back with. We give glory to God.

And most recently, Walter sent me a report on his immediately held subsequent meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe. It seems quite evident that Yahweh is taking Bride to yet another place of fulfillment and progress.

I had another successful meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe. [He was there in July and August, 2016.] What is happening in Africa now is something that I never imagined would ever happen! I was expecting to teach 420 Muslim leaders, and when I arrived I found 746—both Muslim leaders and some Christian leaders (including 20 ex Catholic priests). They came together to form a Bride movement of Harare. Among them was an elected member of Parliament named Musa Sala. He also offered to facilitate the registration of the movement with the government. Each of the members committed to spread the good news of the Bride all over Zimbabwe. Brother, we give glory to God!

And next, Caleb and a team of highly devoted and excited men are traveling across the entirety of Kenya to strengthen the Bride work that continues to expand and mature. There are forty-seven counties in Kenya, and they are traveling to every county. Let me begin with sharing from an email from Caleb.

Dear Bride brothers,

From the birth of an idea of reviving and strengthening the Bride work in all 47 counties in Kenya, the Father has made it possible for us to visit the following counties. And all of the churches that we have visited who are a part of the Bride, are eager for the revival of this work and supporting the expansion of the Bride work in Kenya. Here are the counties that we have visited so far.

He went on to list seven counties, as well as the recognized head bishop of each of those counties, which thus far are Migori, Homa Bay, Kisii, Nyamira, Bungoma, Kakamega, and Nakuru. There is a great excitement for what the Father is doing among them. And upon reaching their goal of visiting every county in Kenya and strengthening them, thereafter they want to meet together and arrange for me to come and address all of them, and more I'm sure. Furthermore, the pastors are asking for the expansion of the Bride work into one church comprised of all of the churches under the name Bride Churches of Kenya, and officially ordain Caleb and myself as overseers and bishops, as well as form a functioning board. Gratefully, through all of the persecution and grave threats and even unfortunate deaths, one good outcome from this was that the Bride church was legally registered in Kenya—which is normally a very long process, but was fulfilled in short order. Legally, this had to be done.

This is all very encouraging and hopeful towards the Father's work in Africa and the coming of His Son, Immanuel. And let me share something else regarding the Kenya work that actually hastens their success and indicates the zeal that is evidenced in Kenya, and elsewhere. The car they have been traveling about in since this new venture began belongs to a brother named Morasi. While I was in Kenya, I met him on a few occasions as he owned a computer, duplicator, supplies, etc. business in a mall in Kissi. Now he is fully dedicated to the work of the Bride. Also, the car that belongs to the Bride is now available for use, having fulfilled the contract it has been under with a hospital for the last few months. So they will now have two cars and will split into two groups so as to double their effectiveness. In the Bride car there will be Caleb and Rubben, the former constable who prosecuted those who wrought so much harm and even death out of envy for the Bride, and was attacked in his mother's home by men with machetes. In Morasi's car will be Morasi, Pastor Shikuku, and Bishop Lawrance. You will recall that pastor Shikuku was mentioned in the May 28 Report, and two of his three children were killed and his home burned down over his support for the Bride. Bishop Lawrance has been a great help to Caleb during and after the time Caleb was jailed and accused of killing the driver of the Bride car. Caleb is quite comfortable with these two teams. And of course Walter is out there teaching and working as well—obviously along with many others.

Before I close, let me add something that another Bride brother just sent to me. I think you will appreciate reading it, and hopefully is both a challenge and encouragement to you.

I'd like to share a Scripture with you that is dear to me. It's Matthew 13:44: "... the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

I can relate a bit to that man. When I came to [where he now lives], I had sold everything and was looking to purchase some land, but did not quite have enough money to buy land and put a house on it. I did however find a treasure in a field, a field much bigger than any field I could have purchased, and that field is Africa. It truly is a field with a Great Treasure in it, the Kingdom of Heaven! Brother, it gives me great joy to give towards the work in Africa. I'm truly grateful for you and what the Father has shown you over these years and being so faithful in penning these truths down. It truly is a Pearl of Great Price! (Matt. 13:45-46)

This brother is indeed very faithful and generous in his giving, which is all the more essential as the Bride expands across Africa. And I hope you will faithfully invest in this field of Africa, and the Pearl of Great Price that the Father is bringing forth, even the precious black pearl. We live in the most important time in the history of man, and will you be an investor in it?

And just as I am closing this, Walter sent me the following:

The bishop in Ghana has called me this evening. The local government in Accra has donated land to them and they have decided to build a Bride center. This will be a conference center that brings together all the Bride churches in Accra. The groundbreaking ceremony will be on Monday and they want me to be there on Sunday. Glory to Yahweh.

They are paying for his flight to be there for the ceremony, as well as his travels home. This is the fifth time he has been to Ghana, and is just one more example of how the Bride is coming together and maturing in Africa—an essential turning point!

As Walter said, glory to Yahweh,

Gary