



## PTI Prayer & News – July 2005

**Give thanks to the Lord** that a number of publishers are so generous in making some new books available to us at very low prices. Without their assistance we would not be able to distribute so many books. Some of these new publications are already ear-marked to go into book sets during the coming year.

**We are also thankful to God** that since the new website was launched in May there have been a good number of visits to view the contents and new contacts have been made as a result of such visits.

A number of our friends write to us fairly regularly for more books, but during the last two months **we thank our God** that a number of brothers who have been 'silent' for many months have made contact with us again. The Lord continues to bring help to these men and their ministries and we receive a regular flow of letters and e-mails testifying to this fact. We share some of these with you so that you can share in our joy and thanks to the Lord for these encouragements. Some comments towards the end show some of the difficult situations in which pastors in developing countries serve the Lord.

*"...for so long Christians here have lived a dual Christian life and this has been a serious problem which had resulted from lack of having true Christian teachings among the Christians. Wow! We are free at last as we have seen the light at the end of the tunnel... rest assured that by sending much needed materials to me, you are not only helping me, but more people will be helped through me."*

Pastor James Chiwaya, Malawi (May 2005)

*"I have been using 'Let's Study John' in my devotion. After reading the Bible I go through it and it has been a great blessing to me. Of late most of my sermon thoughts are coming from the same book. I have also greatly enjoyed the book 'Pastors and Teachers' by Derek Prime. It has reminded me of some things that I have stopped doing as a pastor. For example, I have gone back to study of the word on a regular basis once again."*

Pastor Maynard Nkhata, Zambia (June 2005)

*"We do have tough challenges though... The mushrooming of extreme charismatic groups whose emphasis is prosperity as opposed to the true gospel of the message of the cross is overwhelming. Coupled with all these is an ever-growing Islamic community which has become a force to reckon with. With their advantage of oil-power over our poverty stricken citizens, they have put up mosques almost every 5 kilometre distance. So this is the rough picture of the environment in which we are operating."*

*"Christianity has compromised with the world. Many Gospel ministers are now preaching about prosperity Gospel meaning earthly wealth and hence listeners focus their attention to wealth and not to spiritual blessings and the abundant life promised by our Lord Jesus Christ. This abundant life gives me the inner everlasting peace in that I do not feel any pressure of shortfall because for me to*

*live is Christ and to die is gain. It is my prayer that God will use PTI to bring into the minds of people the true Gospel and the sound doctrine based on the Holy Scriptures. I believe this literature will help many pastors like me... We the ministers of Christ must emphasize on this Gospel and stand to teach the true doctrine... I am sure I told you about the death of my wife and my daughter. I am now living with my firstborn daughter Edith, and God is so good to us."*

Pastor Austin Mulauzi, Lusaka, Zambia (July 2005)

### **Special Prayer Requests:**

1. Praise God that doctors have said that Pansy Alford is well enough to accompany Timothy to Malawi later this month. Pastors' Conferences are planned for
  - 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July – Evangelical College of Malawi, Blantyre
  - 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July – Dedza, Central MalawiAt both of these conferences Timothy plans to teach at three sessions each day and Andrew Doherty plans to teach at the fourth. Please pray for safety in travel, and health and strength for our brothers. Pray that the teaching will give help in the use of the books that will be given to each pastor who attends. Pray also that the truths learnt at the conference and from studying the books will make a deep impression on their hearts and encourage them to grow in godliness.
2. Timothy and Pansy plan to have a break for a week in Zambia before Timothy conducts another pastors' conference at Covenant College in Petauke, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August.
3. We are making plans for similar pastors' conferences to take place at Ndola in the Zambian Copperbelt and at Kasama in northern Zambia during the first part of October. There are several difficulties that need to be overcome in the next few weeks that will help the programmes to run more effectively.
4. At all of the conferences the pastors will be encouraged to continue to study afterwards by working through 'What the Scriptures Teach' and answering the questions at the back of this book. This will give us the opportunity for further ongoing personal contact with those who respond in this way. We have felt it wise to move to this book from the Christian Handbook and Workbook which proved to be too difficult for the great majority of pastors for the last two years.
5. Pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance as we plan for similar training conferences next year together with following up the teaching of this present year. This latter point applies especially to the work to be started in Kasama this autumn.

We are planning to have a PTI stand at the Missions Exhibition of the EMW conference in Aberystwyth (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August). If you are at the conference please come over and say hello!