

Be joyful always. Pray continually.
Give thanks in all circumstances for
this is God's will for you in Christ
Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As Christians, this verse can be hard to embrace when life is not going well, yet it is possible and real with Christ Jesus. This is an amazing part about being in the family of God. Even when the storms of life come, we have a solid foundation to stand on and we can be joyful and thankful. We have a hope for the future.

Imagine trying to be joyful and thankful without Christ Jesus in your heart. Could you be joyful if your way of life was taken away from you? Could you be thankful even when your stomach hurts from hunger? Could you have hope for the future when you don't have a roof over your head?

This time of year, we remember we have much to be joyful and thankful about. The real reason for Christmas is **Jesus**. God saw each one of us worth sending His One and Only Son to be born in a manger, to walk in our shoes, and then to pay the cost for our sins on the cross. Christ died for each one of us. Christ conquered death, rose and is alive today. This is the Good News.

There are so many people around the world who still have not heard about Jesus. In Africa alone, there are still over 1100 people groups still considered

unreached. Africa Inland Mission vision is **Christ-centered churches among all African people** and our priority are the **unreached**.



The San Bushman are one of those unreached people groups. Most live at the very bottom of the social scale in poverty. They have been discriminated against their rights as a group. Their cultural identity has been degraded and has contributed to low self-esteem, apathy, promiscuity, and alcoholism, particularly among the youth. They have been forced into settlements and are dependent upon governmental aid. Many just eat what they call “pap” made out of maize meal for every meal and live in tents. They worship their dead ancestors.

Many African cultures believe when bad things happen, it is their ancestors punishing them for something. They live in constant fear and turn to witchdoctors for help to appease their ancestors. There is no joy or reasons to be thankful.

CHRIST is ALIVE!!! He is not a dead ancestor to appease. Christ has already paid our debt in full. Christ proclaims **YOU are worth it with wide open arms!** Christ wants to bring each one of us abundant life. Christ can fill you up to overflowing with joy, thankfulness, and hope in all circumstances. This is only possible in Christ.

The San Bushmen are **worth the cost**. God desires the San to come to the saving knowledge that Christ died on the cross for them too. They are worth the cost of discipleship.

We are excited that God has called us to **DO SOMETHING NOW!** We are laying aside the American dream for God's dream to see all nations, people groups, worshipping Him. God has called us to step out of our comfort zone into the part He has for us to play in His beautiful story of redemption among the San. This is beyond ourselves and we have to be completely dependent on HIM. We also need the love and support of family and friends. What part does God want you to play in bringing the Good News to the San Bushman?



Our pastor recently shared that we are all called to DO SOMETHING. We aren't able to do everything, just something. This will be different for everyone. God can do mighty things through people who decide to do something. We also have been encouraged recently by the Matthew West music video "Do Something."

We ask you to support us in 3 different ways. **FOLLOW ^ PRAY ^ GIVE**

FOLLOW Our blog is where we will be able to share what God is doing among the San and how to keep in touch with us. www.hazelsinafrica.aimsites.org

On the right side of blog, you enter your email address & click subscribe. Then go to your email & confirm you want to subscribe to our blog. Every time we post, you will receive an email update.

PRAY Commit to praying for the San and our team as we go to Tsumkwe, Namibia to share life and Christ's love with them. Let us know you are praying by filling out the enclosed commitment card or on our blog under the tab *support by praying*.

Current Prayer Requests

- We have been delayed until **June 2015** because of housing. Pray for good weather and building materials to finish homes.
- Filling out paperwork for work visas and medical physicals.
- Open doors to share more with churches and individuals about what God is doing in Africa. We are able to share with your church, small group, mission group, or a meal. **Please contact us. We would love to come!!!**
- Monthly support is at **35% currently**. Once monthly support is at 100% we will be cleared to leave for Africa.

Praises

- We have raised **100%** our outgoing funds which gets us to Africa. **THANK YOU everyone who has given so generously to reach this goal!!!**
- Our team is now full with 10 adults and 7 children.
- Our house here in Elizabethton, TN has sold. We have moved to a small apartment. Our new mailing address: PO Box 804 Elizabethton, TN 37644
- We have shared at 2 *Taste of Africa* evenings.

GIVE AIM is a Faith based organization meaning each of their missionaries raise their monthly support to be on the field. We need to have **pledged \$4307 by end of April 2015** to be able to actually go. Pledge monthly support by filling out enclosed commitment card or on blog under tab *support by giving*. You can start now or in June when we leave. \$10 monthly might seem small but it's something. We can still receive one-time gifts and AIM will divide them by 30 (the length of our term in months) and add it to our monthly support. All donations are tax-deductible.

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Fill out the form below and return it in the mail to us if you wish to let us know of your desire to support us monthly. You may also visit our blog and click on the "automatic setup" link to the right for instructions on how to electronically setup your monthly pledge.

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Dear Africa Inland Mission:

I/we would like to be partners with Jeremy and Claudia Hazel

By faith I/we commit to pray daily/weekly (circle one)

By faith I/we commit \$ _____ per month for support beginning _____.
(Any monthly support received before leaving for the field will go for outgoing expenses.)

By faith I/we commit \$ _____ for outgoing expenses.

This faith promise is made to the Lord and is not legally binding.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____. *Make checks payable to Africa Inland Mission* and return with this card to the above missionary. Do not include the missionary's name on the check.

Please send information on "Automatic AIM Contribution Transfer Program."



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