

OUTREACH TO THE UNREACHED MINISTRIES

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Dear Faithful Friends:

Warm Christian greetings! "... and the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils (harvest); and the people fled from the Philistines. But he (Shammah) stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory (II Samuel 23:11-12)".

Shammah, by his actions was saying, "Not today, not ever, not on my turf". If you think you are going to feast on my harvest, think again. They did! Onward they came. But they couldn't break the line of Shammah's defense. As long as they came, he slew them. Shammah had an invisible Partner who was helping him stand and fight. As a result Shammah was feasting that night while the enemy was conducting funeral services.

What does this event in a "bean patch" have to do with missions? Nothing and everything. Missions is about harvest. We have lived among people in Africa who are dependent on each (natural) harvest for survival. They have and still do face a lot of enemies. In many cases they lose the fight and International aid steps in to keep starvation at bay. There are those who like Shammah are contending for their spiritual harvest. They are engaging in prevailing prayer and by the hand of Almighty God they are not only producing a harvest - they are reaping a harvest!

Two weeks ago the student body raised an offering of over R700 (\$100) for one of the students whose mother had died. The current inflation rate in his country is 3700% and climbing. With the currency exchange it made him a millionaire in paper money but what that could buy would not be much. What you pay for bread in the morning will not buy it in the afternoon. The bus fare to return to town has already increased from what you paid to go out of town. We are left wondering how these poor people can survive.

When Jacob (the student) returned from the funeral this week, we expected a woeful report. Instead he stood and testified to the class about two miracles that occurred while he was at the funeral. I think this student is one of those like Shammah, who is saying the Lord is my provider and the enemy will not rob my harvest. Thank you for serving together with us to those who are contending for their harvest.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Roland and Pam Jones.

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