

The Ambassador's Appeal

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Mosi O Tunya
"The Smoke that thunders."
Victoria Falls -
One of Livingstone's
discoveries

I was about to tell you how busy we have been and how many miles we have traveled, when I thought about David Livingstone, whose biography I have just finished reading again. He traveled 29,000 miles criss-crossing Africa through parched deserts, flooded rivers and through the lands of savage and unpredictable people. Much of that time he was without clean water (sometimes, no water) and sufficient food, and was plagued by Malaria, pneumonia, and other exotic diseases. Most of it was done on foot with a buffalo, donkey or boat ride occasionally. He kept cutting away his shoes to allow for the blisters. How wimpy we modern Christians are! So, I just decided to thank God for our little Chevy Malibu and for not making us "worthless workmen in a world full of work." (I also learned that Livingstone's home in Kolobeng, Botswana is only 30 miles from where Travis and Mimi live. I am looking forward to visiting it the next time we are in Africa.)



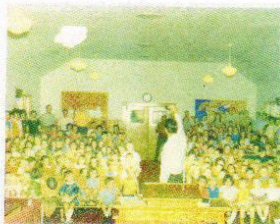
Missionary Training School
2010 Class

We have done Mission Conferences with the Calvary Baptist Church in Clinton, Indiana where Bro. Dan King is pastor and with Douglasville Baptist Temple in Douglasville, Georgia where Bro. Neal Beard is now pastor again. We had our Mission Training School last week, hosted by the Faith Baptist Church here in Jefferson City. They did a wonderful job. We had a great school with much learning, great fellowship, and a good deal of fun. We had three new missionary families and several veterans back. This is always much like a family reunion. Dr. John Yingling, our General Director, always does a good job putting the school together.



Finally a hard surface!

As I write they are putting the asphalt down on our parking lot! Then we will finally be ready for landscaping. It seems like so long ago that we started this project, but we have learned to submit to God's timing. Praise His holy name! Faye and I decided to get a small and inexpensive camper to place here and stay in four nights a week. It doesn't look like houses are going to be selling very fast, so we will just wait on the Lord. We will save about \$200 per month on gas and 10 hours a week in travel time. The camper came with a mattress that I would keep if I were a Catholic. I would have a head start on purgatory by sleeping on it. Our pastor and associate pastor had mercy on us and got some funds together for a new mattress. Our bodies are grateful.



DeFoor Avenue Baptist Church
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We had a great blessing this month also by attending the homecoming of DeFoor Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, which I pastored forty years ago. We saw several who were saved during that time, and two of our old deacons were there, still serving. One was 91 and the other was 88. I am challenged by their faithfulness. In the picture Troy and Trent are in the right foreground and Faye is in the left background.

The rest of this year will also be busy with several conferences, BIO's twenty-fifth anniversary in November, and a trip to Mexico. God continues to give good health, strength and endurance for which we are thankful.

Our one prayer request is for our monthly support. In these difficult times, it continues to slide. We don't feel that we should be exempt from all of the difficulties of these days, but we desire to continue the work of the Lord without being limited. We know that God is all wise and will guide and provide as He sees best. Glory to his name!

Garvin and Faye
(II Co 5:20)