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RECAP of 2011

The year 2011 has been a year of breakthroughs for bible-teaching-about.com. Join us in thanking and praising God for the following:

- We have reached more than 40,000 hits or visited by 20,000 plus unique visitors per month.
- We have a total of 244 new enrollees in our online Bible Academy.
- The Women's Corner was officially launched allowing women to submit questions and testimonies.
- Newman Ministries International, Inc. was formed, and filed for non-profit recognition. We have received a Federal Tax No. and are awaiting official confirmation from IRS.
- A generous donor who made possible our non-profit formation, send support to a village Philippine pastor, ship paper copies of our books to Dubai, and made possible our participation in an exciting outreach in West Africa (more details below).
- Fruitful medical ministry outreach in Palawan, Philippines in February.
- Esmie is getting half-way through her master's degree in Human Services, (Marriage and Family Specialization). She hopes to graduate before the end.
- Esmie was able to share the Gospel to 12 people this year, with 3 praying to receive Christ!

OUR MISSION:

To influence as many people as possible with the Gospel of Christ through evangelism, discipleship, humanitarian work, training and literature.

Ask Dr. Newman:

The single most popular segment of the website continues to be "Ask Dr. Newman." We are both amazed and humbled at how God is using it to touch and bring hope to hurting people everywhere.

For instance, a distraught believer struggling with cultural-moral dilemma asked:

"Am I a great sinner for being in polygamy marriage? Should I divorce the man to be born of Christ?"

-D. H., Swaziland

ANSWER:

You bring up a question that has been around for centuries. And, it is a very difficult issue in many societies. Missionaries and theologians have given it careful thought for a long time.

Let me give you a short and long answer. First, you can be born again in Christ no matter what your situation is. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). In another place, it

The GREAT COMMISSION:

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- **Matthew 28:18-20**

says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

Second, you need not divorce the man. Divorce is worse than polygamy. (To read Willis' complete response click or go to: <http://www.bible-teaching-about.com/polygamyordivorce.html>).

Another guilt-stricken visitor writes:

"In one of your answers you state that one should not confess adultery to the spouse if he/she knows nothing about it. It makes sense to me that confession should not make more harm. But what about the argument, that my body belongs to my spouse and I broke the covenant with my spouse? ..." - - H.

ANSWER

I truly sympathize with your stricken heart. It appears you have a great deal of grief, regret, and fear. Your struggle, and the consequences of any decision you make, is intense... I refer you to the other answer I wrote, "Is confessing to God enough, or should I disclose sins to those who have no knowledge of, or involvement in it?" (For complete answer: <http://www.bible-teaching-about.com/adultery.html>).

Pray that God will continue to give Willis the energy, time and wisdom to respond to the questions with great sensitivity while being true to God's Word.

PROJECT MONROVIA, LIBERIA, W. AFRICA

In our previous letter, we shared about our plan to go to Dubai. God closed that door, as our contact, who was making arrangements for a collaborative ministry, had to flee the country due to persecution and false accusations. However, God has opened wide the door to a teaching ministry in Monrovia, Liberia this coming March, 2012!

Last summer, Esmie and I attended a mission conference and had the privilege of meeting missionaries from all over the world, and heard exciting reports of how God's Kingdom is growing and encroaching on enemy territories. One of those ministries, the Village Ministries, Inc. (VMI) operates in Monrovia, Liberia in West Africa. (For more information on Monrovia, Liberia, click on this link: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/6618.htm>.)

The director of VMI, Pastor Eric Sumo, invited us to help train hundreds of village church leaders and pastors, most of whom have no formal Bible school training and scant materials for use in the ministry. The target pastors are responsible for reaching 80,000 people in their area, many of whom are Muslims.

After much prayer, Esmie and I decided to trust God and accept the invitation. We are now in the process of preparing for a teaching conference which, God permitting, will be attended by at least 300 village pastors. The conference will take place between March 2 and March 15, 2012. Willis is expected to teach 2 courses: Counseling and Anger Management. Pastor Eric informed us that since the country is fresh out of decades of civil wars, there is a great need for a Biblical message on dealing with anger and the need for forgiveness.

Books/Ebooks now available at www.bible-teaching-about.com, AMAZON.COM, and Barnes and Nobles (online)

- *Christian Foundations: Basic Teachings*
- *Bible Teaching About the Christian and Conflict Management*
- *Bible Teaching About Christian Counseling: Theory and Practice*
- *Principles of Communications and Sermon Preparation*
- *How to Study the Bible: A Study Manual*
- *Gospels of Matthew and Mark: Background, Outline and Commentary*
- *Luke, John and Acts: Background, Outline and Commentary*
- *New Testament Survey: An Outline Form*
- *Old Testament Survey: In Outline Form*
- *You Can Believe the Bible*
- *Domestic Violence: Causes and Cures and Anger Management*

Pastor Eric is also going to conduct the Jesus Film training to teach pastors how to use the video in reaching their target area with the Gospel.

Fast Facts about Liberia, W. Africa

Population: 3,283,000
Capital: Monrovia; 572,000
Area: 111,370 square kilometers (43,000 square miles)
Language: English, 20 ethnic languages
Religion: Indigenous beliefs, Christian, Muslim
Currency: Liberian dollar
Life Expectancy: 49
GDP per Capita: U.S. \$1,000
Literacy Percent: 58



Economy: Industry: Rubber processing, palm oil processing, timber, diamonds; Agriculture: Rubber, coffee, cacao, rice; sheep; timber; Exports: Rubber, timber, iron, diamonds, cacao

SHORT HISTORY:

Freed American slaves began settling on the West African coast in 1820. In 1847 Liberia was declared an independent republic—Africa's first—under a constitution modeled on that of the U.S. In 1989 civil war erupted, ending seven years later with the Abuja Peace Accords. In 1999 the government of Charles Taylor was accused of supporting rebels in Sierra Leone, and it fought a border war with Guinea in 2000. Taylor was forced into exile in 2003, and the new government—under the leadership of Africa's first elected female president in 2005, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf—works to rebuild the nation.

—Text From National Geographic Atlas of the World, Eighth Edition

PRAYER REQUESTS:

We covet your prayers. A lot of things have to happen both here in the U.S. and in Liberia before March. Pray for:

1. All monies for this project to be raised. Pastor Eric estimates the training/classes will cost around \$20,000 which will include my airfare, accommodations, facility rental, buses to transport village pastors, food, books, shipping, etc. Pastor Eric pledged to raise half of the total amount. (We are impressed with his vision and faith!).
2. Pray that the 12 boxes of 700 books/manuals will all make it to Monrovia in time.
2. For Willis: for his health, safe travel, confidence in navigating unfamiliar airports, spirit-filled teaching.
3. For the 300 pastors: that God will hand-pick those who will come, to have open and obedient heart
4. For wisdom for both Newman Ministries and Village Ministries in finding ways to work together to help reach West Africa with the Gospel.

“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest”

Matthew 9:38

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5. Newman Ministries desires to help pastors start their own Bible school in their villages using the Newman Bible Academy curriculum and materials. Pray for wisdom on how to make this happen.

6. That this project produce remaining fruits that will provide seeds for church growth in Africa for years to come.

7. Pray that we can get the official non-profit recognition from IRS, as soon as possible.

On another note, every now and then we get an email from website visitors who touch our heart, and challenge us to be on our knees in prayer. Pray for this brother in Christ who wrote:

“Hi there. I recently became a Christian about 9 months ago, but I lost my way again. I’m so hopeless and I’m looking for a way in order to get my life in order again. I feel like all the doors are closing on me.”

– B. from Tehran, Iran.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Pray for God’s continued provision, guidance, and direction. Just like the five loaves and three fishes, God is multiplying our efforts and energies.

Our mission is to influence as many people as possible with the Gospel of Christ through evangelism, discipleship, training and literature. We are thankful to Him for honoring our desires and using us and the website in making it happen.

We thank you for your interest and partnership. May God richly bless and keep you,

Dr. Willis and Esmie Newman

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

PRAY.

We ask you to pray that God will place His special anointing on our web site, so that many will find it and in finding it find salvation and the resources they need to grow in their knowledge and be truly grounded in the Word of God, and to help them have an effective ministry.

USE THE MATERIALS and ENROLL.

Use the free Bible study materials for your own personal spiritual enrichment and in your Bible study group. Take some courses to help prepare you for greater ministry involvement.

DONATE.

We have decided to offer our online courses for FREE since many in the poorer countries have no way of paying using Paypal or credit card. We have decided to trust God to enable us to maintain and grow the ministry through our own resources, and to trust God to raise people who will be willing to be a part of the ministry by giving.

If you feel that God is leading you to give towards this ministry, please write your check to NEWMAN MINISTRIES INT’L., INC. We are in the process of obtaining our non-profit recognition. We have our Federal Identification Number and awaiting the official certificate from the IRS. We have been informed that monies received while we are in process are tax-deductible

SPREAD THE WORD.

Tell your family and friends to visit Bible-teaching-about.com. Tell missionaries in far flung places where local Christians are not as free to worship or study the Bible like most of us in the West can.