

May Ministry Update

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Word of Life Africa Leaders Conference 2021

May 10-14 will be marked in our memories as a time where we clearly saw many blessings of the Lord. Thank you for being a part of it through your prayers for that week.

Here are some highlights:

- Our goals for the conference were met: Encourage, Equip and Excite as we

focused on "Character & Care"

- COVID restrictions were loosened just in time at the Nairobi airport allowing some to travel easier
- Leaders were able to come from Nigeria, Togo, Liberia, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique, and South Africa. Unfortunately the leaders from Zimbabwe could not get their passports renewed.
- Kris Stout and Ryan Williamson joined us from the International Ministries office and served as speakers, an interpreter, and encouragers.
- Meeting each other face to face is soooo much better to connect than ZOOM. We were able to deepen our friendships considerably.
- The training "equip" sessions were practical, varied and well received.
- A few gracious donors helped with supplementing funds for the conference fees and airfares and COVID testing costs for those that needed the financial help.
- A gentleman gifted many of the missionaries with some "extra" spending money while in Kenya to use how they needed. (We took a day to take a 2 hour boat ride to Wisani Island near Tanzania and snorkel as well as have lunch on the island. We were able to go with a few other missionaries as well. What a wonderful day it was.)

We left knowing that God had met us there and did a work in each of our hearts. Many came as co-labourers in the ministry and left as friends and family.

We love and appreciate you.

Next up:

- 30 May - 1 June: Christy, Chae and John traveling to Durban area to visit with Brad and Mary Hawkins before they leave for furlough. We will also visit a pastor friend in Port Shepstone.
- 2 - 8 June: John in Rwanda

Please continue to pray that our visas will be renewed soon. The extended deadline for our visas to be valid is July 31. We are asking the Lord to process for approval before the deadline so that we do not have to leave the country and come back in for a 90 day visa. Thank you.



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