



THE FORCEY FOCUS

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REVIVAL STARTS WITH YOU



In C.S. Lewis's book *Prince Caspian*, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy are called back to Narnia to put a young prince into his proper position as king. They must journey with the dwarf Trumpkin across a wooded area of Narnia to reach the prince, but become lost. Lucy, the youngest, sees Aslan in the distance showing the way to go, but the others do not see him. After talking it over, the group takes a vote and the majority decide to go the other way. Lucy follows along, "crying bitterly." That night Aslan calls Lucy away by herself and speaks with her:

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FORCEY MISSIONS WEEK

**Mark your calendar for our missions week,
"FORCEY ON THE MOVE - The Unfinished Task,"**

beginning on March 18 with the men's breakfast and ending on March 26 with the ladies luncheon. We'll have many special events during the week, including a seminar on Honor/Shame Culture, Monday March 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m. There will be opportunities to connect with Forcey missionaries and hear updates on ministry.

Stay tuned for details....

NEW SERMON SERIES



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"Lucy," [Aslan] said... "You have work in hand, and much time has been lost today."

"Yes, wasn't it a shame?" said Lucy. "I saw you all right. They wouldn't believe me. They're all so —"

From somewhere deep inside Aslan's body there came the faintest suggestion of a growl.

"I'm sorry," said Lucy, who understood some of his moods. "I didn't mean to start slanging the others. But it wasn't my fault anyway, was it?"

The Lion looked straight into her eyes.

"Oh, Aslan," said Lucy. "You don't mean it was? How could I—I couldn't have left the others and come up to you alone, how could I? Don't look at me like that... oh well, I suppose I *could*. Yes, and it wouldn't have been alone, I know, not if I was with you. But what would have been the good?"

Aslan said nothing.

"You mean," said Lucy rather faintly, "that it would have turned out all right — somehow? But how? Please, Aslan! Am I not to know?"

"To know what *would* have happened, child?" said Aslan. "No. Nobody is ever told that."

"Oh dear," said Lucy.

"But anyone can find out what *will* happen," said Aslan. "If you go back to the others now, and wake them up; and tell them you have seen me again; and that you must all get up at once and follow me — what will happen? There is only one way of finding out."

"Do you mean that is what you want me to do?" gasped Lucy.

"Yes, little one," said Aslan.

"Will the others see you too?" asked Lucy.

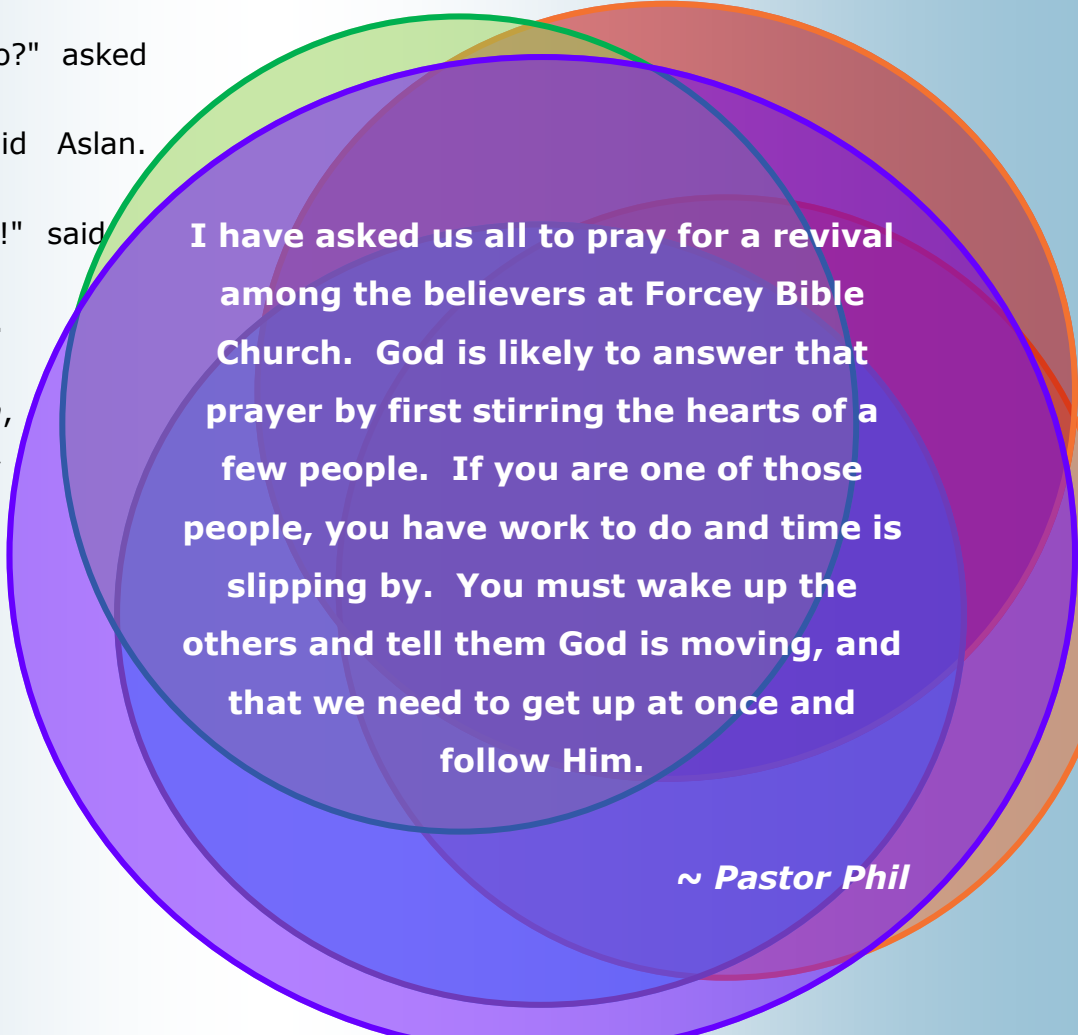
"Certainly not at first," said Aslan.

"Later on, it depends."

"But they won't believe me!" said Lucy.

"It doesn't matter," said Aslan.

[C. S. Lewis, *Prince Caspian*,
New York: Harper Trophy,
1994, pp. 134, 148-150]



I have asked us all to pray for a revival among the believers at Forcey Bible Church. God is likely to answer that prayer by first stirring the hearts of a few people. If you are one of those people, you have work to do and time is slipping by. You must wake up the others and tell them God is moving, and that we need to get up at once and follow Him.

~ Pastor Phil



“And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh” (Jude 1:22-23). In sowing the seed of the gospel to lost sinners, the soul winner understands that God is able to make a “difference” in their lives by drawing them to Christ, including those who may be at the brink of eternity.

While witnessing for Christ recently at a local hospital, a Forcey member met a middle-aged patient named Isaac. In the course of their conversation, Isaac confided in the Forcey member that he was an alcoholic and that,

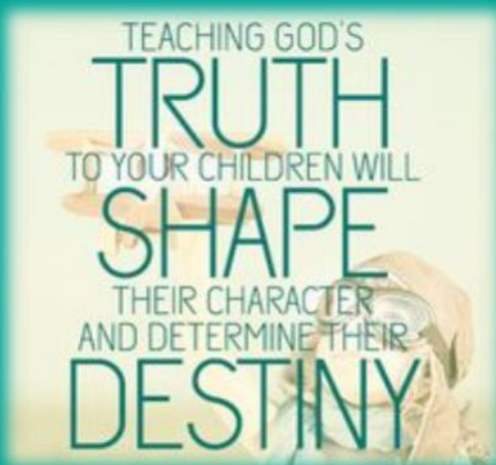
after 19 years of struggling with alcoholism, he was ready to give up, even contemplating ending his life by refusing to receive dialysis. Knowing that the Lord Jesus was the answer to this patient’s problems, the Forcey member shared the gospel with him. Isaac listened carefully to the message of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When the Forcey member gave the invitation to receive Christ, Isaac bowed his head and called upon the Lord Jesus to save his soul (Rom 10:13).

After reviewing with Isaac God’s promises regarding the believer’s assurance of eternal life, the Forcey member encouraged him to continue with dialysis because God would now, through His Word and the indwelling Holy Spirit, help him to overcome his addiction to alcohol. When the Forcey member was ready to leave, Isaac thanked him profusely for taking the time to talk with him about the Lord.

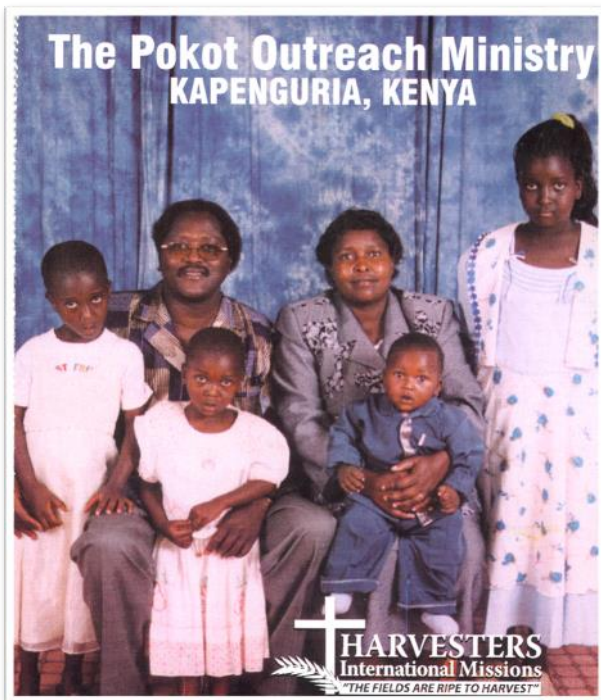
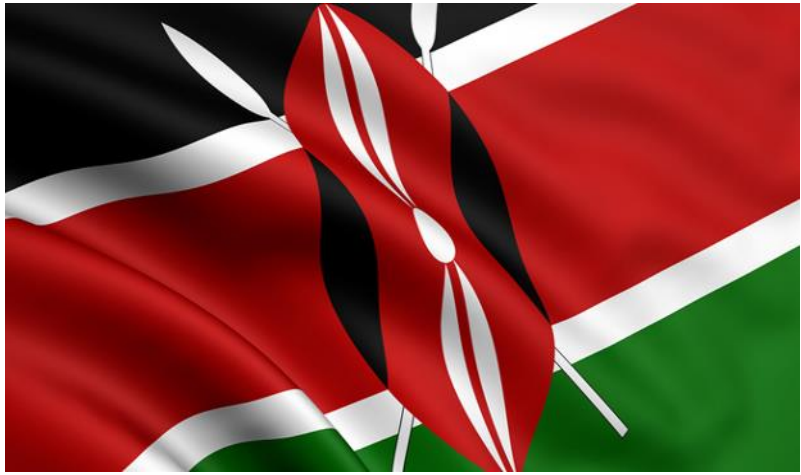
~ **Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team**

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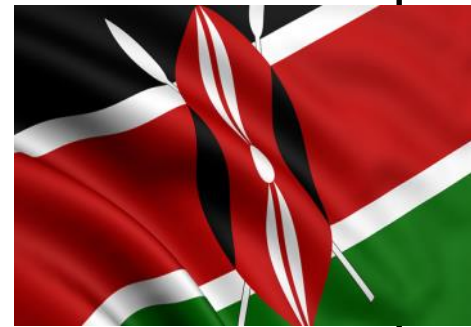
FORCEY'S MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM FOR TEENS



Some of you may be unfamiliar with our teen missions program, called **Mission Possible**. The goal of this program is to disciple our teens in missions & evangelistic outreach. All of this takes place during a summer of discipleship where they are learning to share the gospel, keep a journal, have a regular quiet time & lead devotions for other believers. Ultimately, we want to develop within them a heart for missions & outreach, as we work alongside our current missionaries & ministry partners.



The Pokot region of Kenya was a location largely untouched by the gospel, until God used the ministry of Forcey missionaries, Julius & Rachel Murgor, to plant churches and impact the region with the power of the Kingdom of God. Now multiple churches have been planted and there are several orphanages where children are learning about Christ. Julius continues to reach out to the surrounding areas (even into South Sudan) where there is no vibrant, indigenous church and people have not yet called upon the name of Jesus. As Julius and his team of pioneers continue this church planting effort, it is important for teams to come in & visit the existing churches & the orphanages to help with their discipleship needs & missions mobilization. The goal is that more people from that region will be strengthened and encouraged to spread the influence of Christ in their own region, especially to those who are still unreached with the Gospel. Julius has asked us to send a team to get a glimpse of this amazing ministry, to encourage and bless the people with our ministry, and to be a part of this great work that God is doing through Julius and his team.

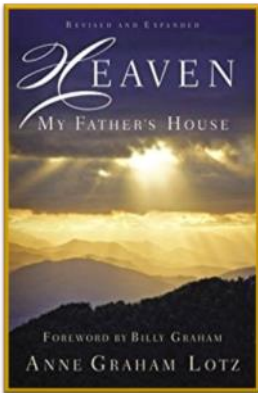


PRAYER REQUESTS FROM TEAM KENYA

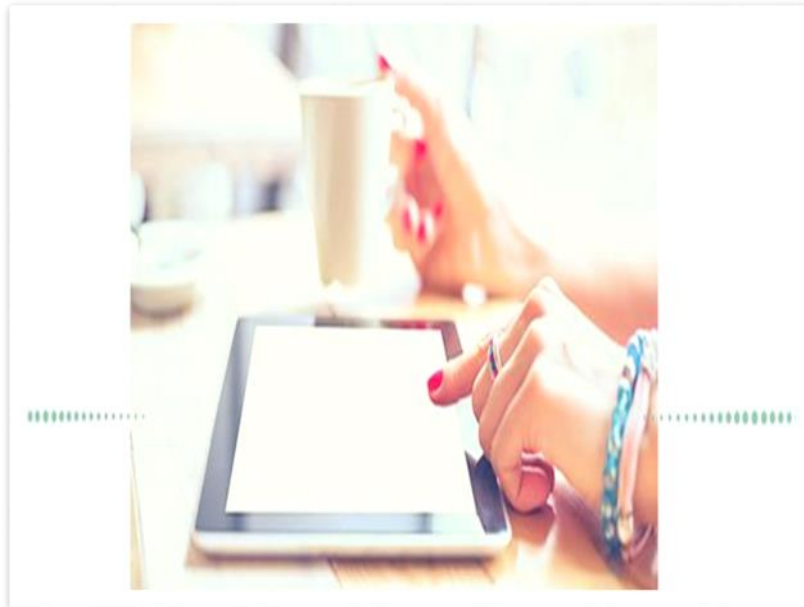
- ◆ **TEAM BUILDING** - pray that God would give us discernment, and wisdom as we finalize our team and coordinate all the gifts & talents that He's bringing together.
- ◆ **ITINERARY** - Pray that God would give us confirmation on our proposed itinerary and agenda for the trip: orphan ministry, leadership development, mens/women's ministry, and assistance w/ outreach in an unreached region of Chepturu.
- ◆ **FINANCIAL SUPPORT** - Each team member will only have three to four weeks to send out support letters and raise \$2000 to meet the March 1st deadline for ticket purchase. Then we will each need to raise an additional \$2000 to cover the rest of our trip expenses. Although this is a lot of money, we trust that God will provide & demonstrate his faithfulness.

BUSY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Are you a lady looking for a Bible study with a group of ladies just like you "too busy"? Then the Busy Ladies Bible Study may meet your needs. This group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at a pre-determined host home. The evenings are a time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer.



We will be in the study of **Heaven: My Father's House**, by author, Anne Graham Lotz for our February – June 2017 meetings.



The next study begins this week, February 2, 2017, at 7 p.m. hosted in the home of Barbara Winkler, 7608 Green Dell Lane, Highland, MD 20777. Please contact Glenda Jones jones.glenda0@gmail.com or Metta Wagner mettantony@comcast.net for more information about the group.

Forcey Ladies Saturday Morning Prayer Group

LADIES—start your weekend with a time of prayer!
All ladies are welcome, any Saturday at 7a.m. to come and pray for family, church, nation and world. Arriving late is fine, and we finish at exactly 8a.m.
Contact Debbie Scesa with questions, jscesa@msn.com.

HOME GROUPS

TRY THREE! AND SEE WHAT HOME GROUPS ARE ALL ABOUT!

We live in an increasingly fragmented and disconnected world. Though social media and other technology have made our world seemingly more connected, people have fewer genuine friends than ever before. Like iron sharpening iron, the relationships we form within our home groups can become a tool to engage in biblical community, that help us become more like Jesus. Like the early church their relationships with one another are critical to their pursuit of Jesus, their growth in Christ, and their witness to the Good News. It is impossible to experience biblical community

apart from spiritually significant, intentional relationships with other believers. Home groups are an integral part of "being" the Church and not just "doing" church.

This February we would invite you to **"Try Three"**. Go to Forcey.org and check out our Home Group page and contact us at vanessa-wright@forcey.org to connect with a group to try out for 3 times with no obligation to continue. Find out for yourself what it means to "do life together"!

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



Hebrews 10:25 NLT