



# Reaching and Serving the Persecuted Church

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There's an old saying, 'Seeing is believing.' The children of Israel were "very afraid" when – with their backs to the sea – they saw Pharaoh with his army, chariots and horsemen in hot pursuit after they'd left Egypt. Moses told them, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the **LORD**." They did – and God delivered them and destroyed their enemies. "Thus Israel saw the great work which the **LORD** had done in Egypt... and believed the **LORD**." Exodus 14:31

## House for a Zulu Gogo

### South Africa

ITMI's **Kelly and Cherise Smith** live with and work among the Zulu in South Africa. Cherise is South African, Kelly is from Arizona. They met in Wyoming and were married in 1998. Earlier, in 1986 when Cherise was in high school, her parents bought a residential lodge in the small town of Umkomaas, on the Indian Ocean near Durban. They had several Zulus on staff; among them were **Pauline** and her daughter **Eunice**. That was the beginning of a wonderful life-long relationship.

The Smiths had a son, Wyatt, born in the US in December 2000. Six weeks earlier, Eunice had a daughter, Zoleka, but the little one was soon to become an orphan. After much prayer, God opened the door for the Smiths to adopt Zoleka.

It was a step of faith for Pauline (thinking she may never see her granddaughter again), but she was convinced it was the best for Zoleka. God had a great plan that none of the parties involved could have imagined; He called the Smiths



Typical Zulu Round Mud Hut

to work in Africa!

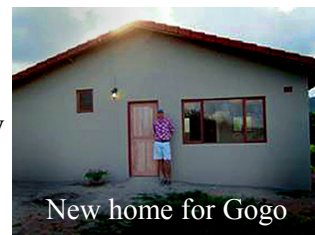
"Gogo" means grandmother in Zulu. Pauline is the biological grandmother of the Smith's adopted daughter. She lives about 15-minutes away with 3 other granddaughters in a typical Zulu mud hut with a rusted tin-roof. There is no electricity, running water or toilet facilities.

The Smiths felt burdened to build a house on their property for Gogo. Kelly began work seven months ago with the aid of two unskilled laborers. The building is a solid cement structure with indoor plumbing and electricity. Now that it's finished the two workers take great pride in letting others in the community know that they "built this house." Last month Gogo and her 3 granddaughters moved in.

It's a win-win situation. Pauline is fluent in English and is

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able to teach the Smiths both the Zulu language and culture. The Smiths in turn are parental figures to Gogo's other granddaughters. Cherise says, "It's such a blessing, seeing them respond to Kelly as a man who cares for them, when they have never experienced



New home for Gogo

that from a father-figure before."

In the current world of Zulu culture, where so many young women are dying of HIV/AIDS, granny is required to raise the orphaned grandchildren. Into this culture God has sent Kelly and Cherise to live among these people and win them to Christ. They are living examples of the Scripture: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble." James 1:27

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# “Peace” – the great Islamic Deception

## Dangerous to your health: Part Three

The proposition is often put forward by ill-informed Christians that, “Terrorists have ‘hijacked’ Islam,” implying that Islam, at heart, is really a peaceful religion. Rolling steadily against that is a *tsunami* of deadly evidence to the contrary. This so-called ‘religion of peace’ is responsible for over 95% of all the wars and fighting on the planet today. “There are about 400 recognized terrorist groups currently active in the world and over 90% of these are radical Islamist terror movements.” [Mychal Massie WND 5/25/04]

The Bible teaches that in the future, a man will arise whose sole driving goal will be to achieve complete world domination through his political-military and religious empire. Islam has this exact same goal inherent in its core doctrines and eschatological teaching. In today’s climate of compromise it is politically incorrect to state this fact – but it is true!

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is a Washington-based lobby group founded in 1994. It is self-described as a “moderate Islamic civil rights group” and according to spokesman Ibrahim Hooper, “We are similar to a Muslim NAACP.” CAIR enjoys respectful media citations, serious hearings by corporations, invitations to the White House and sizeable donations from Saudi sultans.

**Omar Ahmed**, Chairman of the Board of CAIR said, “Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Qur’an should be the highest authority in America and Islam the only accepted religion on earth.” Ahmed is hailed as a *moderate* and deceptively smooth. Even FOX’s Bill O’Reilly has had him on The Factor and it was hard to tell who was spinning whom.

Christianity teaches the importance of “truth” and its relation to freedom (John 8:32). By contrast, Muslims are taught from childhood to lie. Muhammad encouraged Muslims to lie, blaspheme and deny their beliefs *if* it was going to protect them, so long as they were “comfortable with faith” – translation: “didn’t mean it.” It’s the old idea of “the end justifies the means.” Lying is fine if it furthers the cause of Islam.

“The Qur’an teaches that it is allowable for Muslims to literally deny their faith in order to protect themselves. Muslims who deny their faith will be forgiven as long as their true faith was not really shaken (i.e. their denial was a *lie* in the purest sense) and only if their denial of faith was for the purpose of avoiding harm (primarily while living among non-Muslims).”<sup>1</sup>

Lying is not only permitted, but fostered and frequently commanded in Islam. Westerners have a hard time relating to this purposeful exaggeration, concealing of the truth and

frequent, outright, deliberate lying as a core part of this medieval religion. There are specific doctrines and traditions that promote a culture of dishonesty within Islam.

Of course there are some verses that discourage lying: “And cover not the Truth with falsehood, nor conceal the Truth when ye know (what it is)” – Surah 2:42. Muslims will point to these when challenged on veracity. But sadly, the exceptions to the rule have actually become the rule.

Viewed from within Islam, jihad is a struggle to bring all things into submission to Allah and Islam. The battle is waged to cause others to submit. In Christianity this is called *evangelism*. In Islam it is *Dawah*. Jihad is war and Muhammad said, “War is deception.”

There is an imperative for Islam to take over local and eventually national governments. Consider the Muslim politicians who through deceit have gained a seat in British and European parliaments and who today are steering their governments toward Sharia law. Many naïve, trusting individuals in the West are like *sheep being led to the slaughter* when dealing with people who

are purposefully deceptive.

In his book, *The Islamization of America*, Aduallah al-Araby quotes a disturbing letter from the Reverend Guisepppe Barnardini, Catholic Archbishop of Izmir (Smyrna), Turkey to the Pope. In it he referred to a recent gathering of

Christians and Muslims for the purpose of interfaith dialogue. He recalls that during the meeting an outspoken Muslim of authority stood up and calmly stated with assurance: “Thanks to your democratic laws, we will invade you. Thanks to our religious laws, we will dominate you.”

In discussing the geo-strategic situation of the ‘last days,’ Jesus told His disciples, “You’ll hear of wars and rumors of wars, but that’s not the end.” In response to their direct question, “What will be the sign of Your coming?” Jesus answered, “Watch out that no one **deceives** you.” Deception is an integral part of Islamic theology. Through the liberal media’s constant hammering of moral equivalency plus the nonsense of political correctness many Christians are fearful of addressing this reality. I would be less than your friend if I failed to sound an alert. Be warned, and do not be deceived – Islam is not a ‘peaceful religion.’ Muslims do not assimilate into foreign cultures – they only **dominate**.

Bill Bathman – Cape Town, South Africa

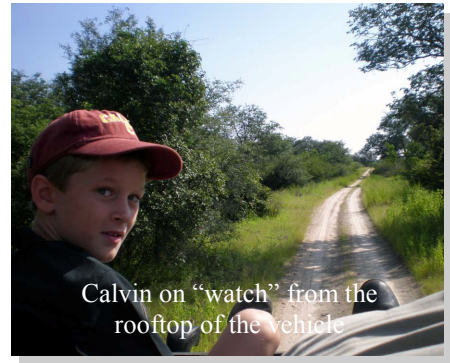
<sup>1</sup>ANTI-CHRIST: Islam’s Awaited Messiah  
by Joel Richardson (p. 171)

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Dear Team,

As many of you know, our daughter **Lenora** and her husband are home-schooling their 4 children. **Andrea** and **Daniela** are in high school while **Christopher** and **Calvin** are in grade school. Field trips are a vital part of their educational experience. In Africa, field trips can be a real adventure.

Last month, Peter, Calvin and John Leach (a veteran missionary friend) returned from a 17-day mission trip that took them on a 6,250 mile journey across South Africa, Namibia and Zambia. Along the way they saw hippos, zebras, lions and many other exotic wildlife. They crossed 3 major croc-infested rivers: the Orange, the Okavango and the Zambezi. Heavy summer rains drenched them and doubled the amount of water flowing over Victoria Falls. Their tents and kit were soaked – but they kept the literature dry.



One expects missionaries to preach, distribute literature, medical aid and other supplies. Between the 3 of them they conducted over 40 meetings plus two Biblical Worldview Seminars. This was par for the course. It was inspiring to see 9-year old Calvin actively participate in 20 of those meetings. On Sunday morning in Zambia's capital city, Lusaka, the Pastor of a large Church called him to the platform and he presented the entire Evangelism Explosion program to over 1,200

avid listeners. This was televised on national TV and re-broadcast during the following week.

Even more remarkable, he conducted 7 meetings entirely on his own! At ITMI's Excellence Christian Academy in Kabwe, Zambia he went from class to class telling Bible stories, leading his peers in marching songs and explaining the plan of Salvation. The teachers sat and watched in amazement.



At camp sites along the way Calvin was the first one out of the truck, distributing tracts to the other campers. He was fearless, approaching total strangers with the Gospel. Everyone was astonished at this winsome young evangelist and his zeal to win some precious souls to the Lord Jesus.

The Team delivered supplies for three different Missions, including ITMI's "Bible & Bikes" program – 24 bikes for \$2,100. This extends dramatically the range of local evangelists.

On a more somber note, our soon-to-be 13-year old grandson Christopher Hammond, born with chronic kidney failure, is being considered for a transplant sometime within the next year. His creatine levels are elevated while his glomerular filtration rate is 30 when it should be 100 (as calibrated in South Africa).

Our country *needs* prayer! Be sure to join us for the National Day of Prayer on April 26.

Yours in His grip,



Bill Bathman

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**Note:** The Smiths will be in the USA for 4 months beginning mid-May and will be available for meetings in homes or Churches. Your hearts will be blessed to host them for a home meeting. They plan to be mostly in Arizona, Wyoming and Oregon. Contact ITMI toll-free at (888) 918-4100.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By Jeff Black

It's been wonderful getting to know the ITMI Staff, volunteers and visiting missionaries in Tempe, AZ. Everyone has made me feel welcome and valued as a new ITMI team member which comes with a real sense of God's presence in the work that we share in together in Jesus' Name. I have a deep joy in knowing



that we are ultimately involved as *family members* in the promotion of our Lord's Great Commission in Eastern Europe, Africa and "to the uttermost parts of the earth."

A recent highlight for me was assisting Dr. **Piotr Zaremba** in a small Bible-study group of 15-20 seniors in a local RV park. I had preached there previously and shared what God was doing in Poland. My close friend Bill, who is retired and lives in the park with his wife Fran, is an evangelist and Bible teacher. He took some leaflets around the park announcing the upcoming meeting. As he was going, he met some "new" neighbors of Polish descent. They were from a Catholic background and were very interested in seeing this "new" translation. There were about 30 seniors in attendance that night.

Piotr was humble and gracious in his presentation as well as in answering their questions concerning the translation project and his role as a pastor in Poland. Many lingered afterwards to speak to him one-on-one. These seniors were enthused about the Polish projects and greatly admired Piotr's

gentle manner and winsomeness.

This is how the Gospel of our Lord and Savior spread in the early days of Christianity. And it continues on in the same manner today. I am thankful to my Lord for the opportunity to partner with ITMI in this kingdom-building process.

## "REIGN DOWN USA"

**"Reign Down USA"** A national gathering for worship and repentance will take place simultaneously across America on April 26 at 6:00 PM. In Washington, DC it will be on the Mall in front of the Capitol. At this writing there are 36 States hosting venues for this day of prayer. Stadiums are reserved in many cities. The Governor of Colorado has proclaimed a Day of Prayer at the State Capitol. Check for local details at: [www.reigndownusa.com](http://www.reigndownusa.com)

### *How'd You Hurt Your Hand?* by Bill Bathman

101 Bible studies in Matthew's Gospel. This 205-page book by Bill celebrates ITMI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is a current commentary considering the question, "What if Matthew took a look at us? Would he recognize 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity?" We are encouraged by the positive response to its launch. This is a great gift for someone you love.

**\$10 + S&H**

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### **For Praise . . .**

1. The very fruitful field trip for **Calvin** and 'his team' to Zambia.
2. **Jeff Black** and the many gifts and abilities he brings to ITMI.
3. A Zulu grandmother has a new house.

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### **For Prayer . . .**

1. **Krystyna Zaremba**, Piotr's wife, broke her leg last month the day after Piotr returned from the USA.
2. New schools in Zambia under the leadership of ITMI's Reverend **Eugene Kalunga**.
3. Remember the National Day of Prayer on April 26, 2008.

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