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# Warren Mission News

Touching Lives by Telling and Teaching the Good News of Jesus

Thank *you*, our Prayer Partners  
and Supporters, for what you've  
helped us do in 2005!

**2005 took the Warrens' to the outreach Ministry of Moody Church in Chicago, Illinois, The Philippines, Haiti, Uganda, Rwanda, D.R. Congo, Central African Republic and Southern Sudan.**

**Over 1,000 Pastors, Sunday School teachers, and school teachers received Evangelism Explosion (EE) Training this year. In addition to the Evangelism Explosion Training, you've helped the Warrens assist others who are EE trained to help themselves and those around them. *Your* support makes this important work possible!**



Don, Breven, Braman, and Suzy together again for the Holidays. The last time this happened, they were in Albania in 2001 doing ministry as a family.

## Letters of Love From Africa

### Greetings

Dear Suzy, Breven, and Braman,

I am in London. The plane leaves in about two hours. I should be in contact from Kampala (Uganda) before I leave for Rwanda and since we are in the capital, I suspect they will have internet service. I miss my girls, but pray you are having a special time together. Love, dear old dad

### Greetings from Kampala

Dear Suzy,

Greetings my love. I finally got to the internet shop when it was open. We're preparing for the road trips, upcoming trainings, and site/construction of the training center in Ezo. There have been many meetings with Bishops regarding the negotiations on the land for the center as you can well imagine. We have also met with some Pastors who have a church inside one of the large refugee camps several hours drive from here. It's not on my itinerary, but God opened the door, so we'll go through it. Godfrey and I have been rushing in different directions gathering the needed supplies. I love and miss you, Don



After sharing at Braman's public school, Don delivers pen pal letters to the school administrator in Sudan for his own students who then replied.

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## Back from Kyangwali

Dear Suzy,

Thank you so much for your email. It is about 7pm. I am back from our mission to the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement; they prefer that to calling it a "camp". In comparison to the IDP (Internal Displaced Persons) camps around Lira (Northern Uganda) where I have ministered on previous trips, it was better or at least less horrific! Nearly 20,000 refugees are there but at least they are spread out. Most of the refugees are functionally illiterate. They come from five different countries—Sudan, Congo, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Somalia, but there's over 30 languages. The living conditions are better than in the IDP camps because the U.N. provides some food and health care. The IDP camps are routinely raided by the Koney Rebels where over 20,000 young girls and boys have been kidnapped in the last few years. Even in the safety of the camp, young girls are routinely raped by the government soldiers who are stationed there to protect them. These young people, traumatized by the war and horrific conditions need the Gospel.

There are 13 churches operating there and we have now worked closely with two of them. All the churches, except the Catholic and Jehovah Witnesses meet in grass huts with dirt floors, no electricity, and no water or toilet facilities. No one but the Jehovah Witnesses provides church training material, but you can read the Watch Tower in most of the native languages. I so wanted to leave a DVD player for those that spoke English, but we just do not have enough as yet. I did leave one CD player and training CD's with a pastor, Monika, who goes in regularly and lives not far from the camp.

Without the Gospel those here have no anchor in the storm, no Heavenly Father who loves them. Praise God we were able to do some training to help share God's Good News. For tonight, good night. Love, Don



Watching The Passion of Christ, Veggie Tales, and the JESUS film with a DLP projector and generator.



Pastor Monika receiving a CD player and training CD's to share with those in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement.

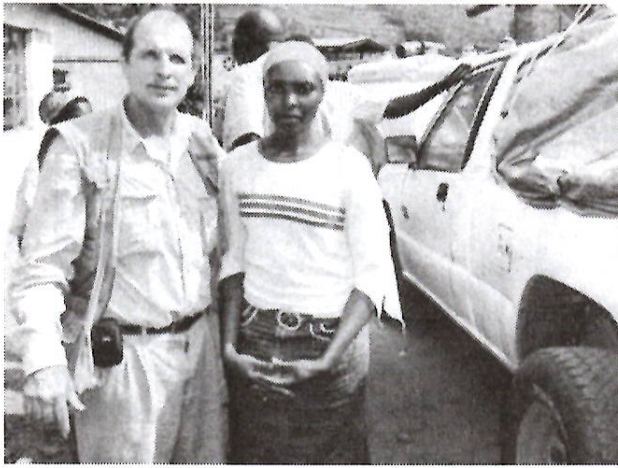
Monika opens her home and ministers to refugees and families who aren't allowed at the settlement.



Sewing machines for the pastors, teachers, Mother's Union and Youth Groups in Sudan. They also brought hoes, shovel, wheelbarrows, and machetes for farming. The seminaries and Bible Colleges received DVD and CD players with sets of theological training material for students in Uganda, Sudan, Rwanda, and the Congo. Solar panels and batteries were provided to keep the players charged. The Pearsons donated water filters that helped provide clean water.

Translating training material as they go with a mimeograph machine and printing supplies. Don does KIDS EE training from country to country.





**Carol becomes Don's guardian angel and a sister in Christ at the Uganda/Rwanda border**

## **Rwanda-Miracle at the Border & Beyond**

Dear Suzy,

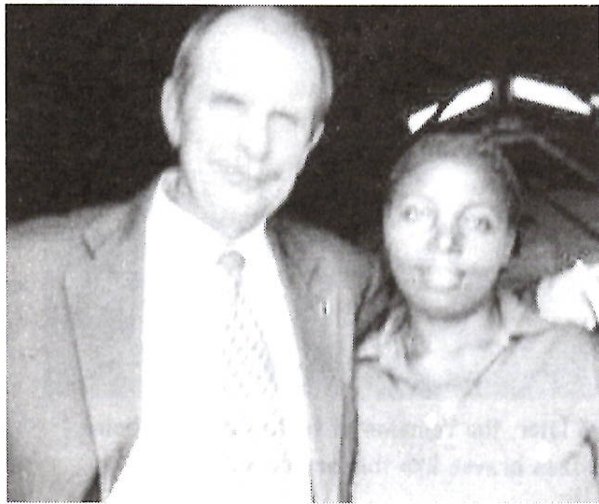
So much to tell, not enough time and this is a French key board and the keys are in different places for some of the letters! It took 13 hours to drive from Kampala, Uganda, clear customs to reach Kigali, Rwanda-even with a miracle at the border crossing. During the wait to clear customs, I shared the Gospel with a young woman named Carol who prayed to receive Christ. When we were almost clear, the last border guard searched out truck and found the Jesus film, equipment, and generator and said we must go back and start clearing from the beginning. This could be disastrous. It was getting late and if we didn't leave soon for Kigali we would be still be on the road at nightfall when the bandits are bolder and road travel unadvisable. Carol shows up from nowhere. Although she is Ugandan, she convinces the Rwandan guard to let us pass. Just a miracle. We make it safely to Kigali. She received Christ and became our guardian angel.

The training went great here in Kigali, Rwanda with 50 in the clinic. I brought French material but didn't realize that after the genocide in 1994 the French speaking middle class were slaughtered. So the Jesus film we had in Kinyarwanda was a great hit. Only 21 of the clinicians could answer the two EE questions at the beginning of the training, yet all had prayed by the end of training.

Falida, one of the clinicians was raised and married to a Muslim. Five years ago she prayed to receive Christ. The first day OJT assignment was to share the Farley cards. We translated and printed the outline in Kinyarwanda. One of the 9 people she shared with during OJT was her husband. For five years he has been abusing her for her Christian faith, even threatening to divorce her and throw her out on the street. He was fascinated by the learning cards and at the end of her sharing with him; he got on his knees and prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. She said he is like a whole new person-of course that is just what he is!

Another clinician, a Tutsi named Liliane was with her parents in Burundi at the time of the genocide. They returned to Rwanda to find all 24 of her uncles, aunts, and cousins murdered in the most horrific ways imaginable. She said for years she couldn't forgive them until she heard a sermon on the unforgiving servant and was moved by the Holy Spirit to forgive those responsible. She had married in 2001, but her husband, who had become Christian in 1998, still wouldn't forgive those who had murdered his mother, father, eight brother and sisters as well as 48 extended family members "in ways too horrific to describe" while he was fighting in the RTF (Tutsi resistance). Liliane explained to her husband that he had to forgive as she had since it says "if we don't forgive, our Heavenly Father will not forgive us". Her husband moved by God also forgave, went to the jail where some of the men who had killed his father were still imprisoned and public ally forgave them. He shared the Gospel with them and they prayed to receive Christ. He then appealed to the Warden and the courts to release the killers, now his brothers in Christ.

It is only the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that can prevent genocide here. God is amazing. Love, Don



**Faithfully doing her KIDS EE homework, Falida led her Muslim husband to the Lord**



**At the training, Liliane, a Tutsi, tells how God helped her find forgiveness  
Jerome, a Hutu, listens with pain, at the horrors of her story.**



## Mischief at the Border

Dear Suzy,

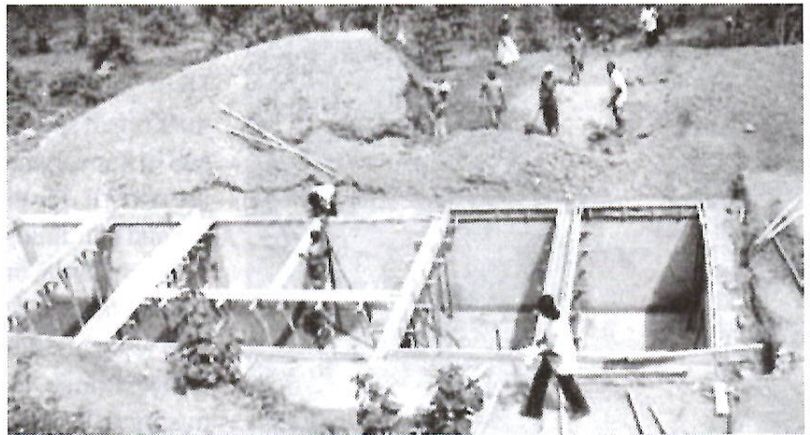
Hello my love. I love you and miss my girls. I collected the monies you sent from Western Union. As can be expected, everything costs more than you think. Our new HP printer/copier/scanner was apparently a casualty of the Rwandan customs area, however we didn't discover it until we were in Kigali. If the ATM doesn't work here, I'll need you to wire more funds.

The Genocide Memorial in Kigali was gut-wrenching. Over 256,000 people were buried there in mass graves. Over one million killed-maybe more because whole neighborhoods were wiped out which left no loved ones to report who was missing. The pictures of the children make you weep. After a few minutes inside I couldn't speak. It was a struggle just to put one foot in front of the other.

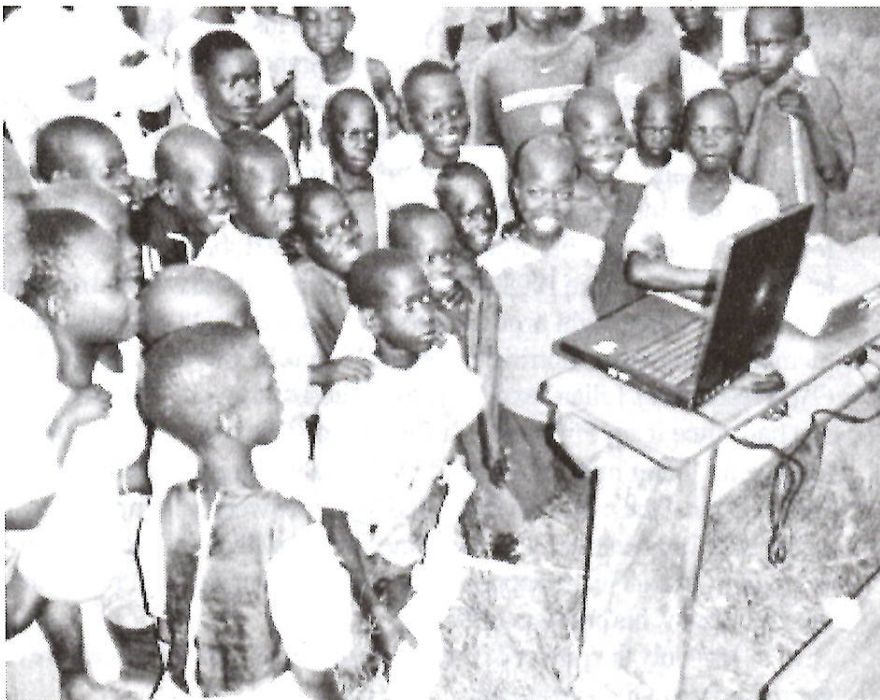
There are things that we will just never understand this side of Heaven, but I would sure like to hug those little children when I get there. I can't even write about it without weeping. The people in the internet shop must be wondering what is wrong with me. I love you sweetie, but not only can I not talk when I think about it, I can't even write. I will try to contact you later today when I regain my composure. Love, Don



All of Henrietta's family were massacred, but the only job she can find is at the Genocide Memorial, daily reliving the horror.



Even today, 11 years later, the remains of bodies are still being recovered. Mass graves like this are being used.



Huddled close, they delight at Veggie Tales,

## Change in travel plans

Dear Suzy,

Hello my love. It should be around noon there. Don't know when you'll check this, but we have a slight change in plans. Because of heightened rebel activity, we are joining a government convoy to travel north. I won't be able to use the ATM, so please wire funds to Arua. I'll collect them before I go into Sudan. I love my girls. Hugs and kisses, Don





**Driving the main highway filled with potholes, mud, lions, landmines, rouge soldier, and bandits is not only time-consuming, it is dangerous!**

### **Mail from Donald**

All is well, truck broke down twice. Government convoy went ahead. While driving through a ravine, Godfrey said "this is a bad area". With mountains on both sides, rebels can quickly attack either side. Just then we have a flat tire. God is sovereign. While we are fixing the tire I see a group of armed men coming down the hill. Options-not really any, either run or greet. I decided to approach them and greet. Praise God, they were the good guys looking for the bad guys. Entering Sudan today, meeting Paul. Love, Don



**Praise God, the "good guys" came down the mountain, after having the flat tire.**

### **To Lesley and Suzy**

Good morning our sweethearts. The mail is being sent by proxy as we have departed earlier then the community centre is open. We all met in Yambio and now are leaving for Ezo. The road to Yambio was 100 miles and took two days to travel. The favor and grace of the Lord is with us. On receiving this send to each other just in case it passes to only one of you. We each love you both respectively. Our prayers are with you. Don and Paul



**Getting ready to pry the truck out of the mud again!**



## Safe in Yambio

Dear Suzy,

Hello my love. Paul and I are back in Yambio for the final training. The training in Ezo was wonderful, they even welcomed us with a parade. It seemed the whole town turned out. They had waited for three days because they weren't sure exactly when we would arrive. Not many come to Ezo, so it was quite an event. The Bishop spoke for hours, probably pretty miserable in the heat with all his robes. You can preach in three countries at the same time from a large rock monument in the market. Depending on where you stand in the market you are either in Central African Republic, Sudan, or D.R. Congo. 84 of my 121 clinicians prayed to receive Christ during the training. Their comments:

*"We have been living in darkness."*

*"We knew of the Bible but we really did not know what it said."*

*"We thought we were Christians but we found out we were trusting in ourselves not Christ."*

*"All my life since I can remember I have been wondering how I could get to heaven, now I know I am going to be with Jesus."*

*"We were teaching out of ignorance, we just didn't know. Thank you so much for coming."*

*"You have changed our lives for eternity."*

*"I am so ashamed, I have led the little children with false teaching, thank you for opening my eyes".*

It is so exciting to be doing this work. Thank you, my love, for releasing me to go. Love, Don



Dr. D. James Kenney, Dr. R.C. Sproul, and Dr. John MacArthur all traveled to Africa with Don via DVD and CDs. These theologians will all continue teaching even after Don leaves.

## Their Challenge, Your Support

"Go ye therefore, and teach (disciple) all nations...."  
Matthew 28:19

In the Warrens' ministry it is challenging not to be sidetracked by the horrific and awful conditions of those with whom they serve. Their greatest reason to "Go" is to have peoples hearts changed through the transforming power of the Gospel for all of eternity. The Warrens are helping the local church do their job by equipping believers, training them to share the Gospel and discipling them with sound theological information that they can continue to do via CD and DVDs. Thank you for helping the Warrens. Their job continues only through your faithful prayers and financial support.

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