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Our Itinerary



Nov 27: Black Friday: Bob's 68th Birthday

Jan 7-Feb 3: Philippines Ministry

Jan 31: New Life Community Church, Mandaue, Philippines

Feb 19-21: GTN Leadership Gathering, Scottsdale, AZ

Feb 21: Fusion Church, Mesa, AZ

Feb 28: Valley Baptist Church, Yuma, AZ

March 7: First Baptist Church, Page, AZ

March 11-25: Kurdistan Ministry

March 26-29: Qatar Ministry



Rejoice in the Lord (Seriously, It's Good for You)

Our grandson texted all his grandparents a question recently: "What does 1st John say about joy?" Lacking opportunity at that moment to give a more complete answer, I texted back, "I believe he was in favor of it." Since then, I've been thinking about the subject of joy.



Let's be real for a second. Life has a talent for throwing curveballs that make you want to crawl back into bed and stay there until 2037. The car makes a new noise. The kids invent new ways to test you. The coffee machine decides today is the day it dies. And somehow the weather still finds a way to make it personal.

And yet Scripture keeps saying the same wild thing: **Rejoice in the Lord.**

Paul wasn't writing from a beach chair when he said, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). He was imprisoned in less-than-ideal circumstances. Still, he doubled down. Always. Not just when the Wi-Fi is strong and the coffee is hot.

Why? Because the reasons for joy don't start with our situation. They start with God.

- He is good when things are not. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Forever is a long time. Longer than your current frustration.
- He is near. "The Lord is near to all who call on him" (Psalm 145:18). You don't have to shout across a cosmic void. He's already in the room.

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Where in the World Are the Edmondsons This Month?

Bob and Eileen have been in Africa for most of October. Bob has been teaching in two countries. He led two classes in Rwanda and one in Cameroon.

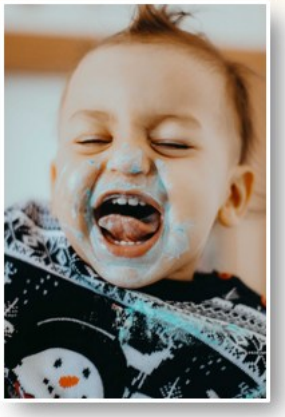
In Rwanda, we partnered with GTN senior staff members, John and Tessa Gillespie, and were also joined by guest observers, Kyle and Morgan Hawthorne. Bob's first class was the practical course "Teaching the Christian Faith" while John taught "Foundations of the Christian Faith III." During the second week, John taught the 1st half of the Book of Romans. Bob's second course was called "Harm to Harmony, Overcoming Harm and Violence in the Family," a spiritually difficult course to teach, but one which always seems to result in transformation in families. Bob taught the same course in Cameroon where family dynamics are further damaged by the widespread practices of witchcraft.

As usual, we rejoiced in our student's Action Plan Outcome Reports. These reports detail what God has done through the students' self-designed homework after their

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Rejoice in the Lord (Seriously, It's Good for You) *(cont'd)*



- He has already done the heavy lifting. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Not "the day that finally went according to plan." This day. The messy one.

He has blessed you in ways you may have forgotten or never even noticed. "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2). The old song, "Count Your Blessings," is actually pretty wise.

Rejoicing doesn't mean pretending everything is fine. It means remembering who holds everything when it isn't. It means trusting that one day, maybe soon, everything will be made right. It's the quiet decision to look up instead of just looking around.

So go ahead. Rejoice a little today. Find a reason. Find a way. Even if it's just a quiet "thank You" while you drink your (ugh) instant coffee. He's still good. And that is more than enough reason.

COMING UP!

Eileen and I have been praying and setting goals for the 2027 ministry year. We are asking God to give us the greatest spiritual results we have ever seen! Watch for more in our upcoming December IN HIS GRIP!

Where in the World Are Bob and Eileen This Month? *(cont'd)*

previous class. Our students led 285 souls to Christ, and oversaw dozens of marriages reconciled. They reclaimed hundreds of "wandering sheep" and helped them return to regular church attendance, and used our materials to train several hundred other leaders.

One Rwandan pastor, having taken our course on Biblical Preaching, testified that with this new approach he is seeing far greater results, including no less than 14 "live-in" couples taking wedding vows and 31 souls (many of them among these unwed couples) giving their hearts to Christ. There were several other similar accounts.



God is doing great things! Sole Deo Gloria! (To God alone be the glory!)



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Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God for successful ministries in Rwanda and Cameroon.
- Praise God for new ministry areas in the Philippines starting in January.
- Praise God for safety and good health in travel this year.
- Please continue to pray for Nepal in the wake of devastating flash flooding.
- Please continue to pray for believers and missions work in the Middle East.
- Please pray for solid year-end giving to finish our ministry year in the black.

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