

I don't love money because loving money is against God's Word - BUT I RESPECT money because it does what I tell it to do. It is my royal servant. It has helped me to:

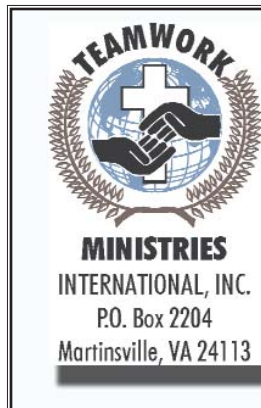
- travel to the nations and train thousands of believers
 - start Bible schools around the world,
 - build churches and feed the hungry.
4. Lack of money can cause you to miss great opportunities and compound crisis situations.

Some people suffer because they have never learned the importance of saving and investing. When you have adequate savings and investments you will be able to capture business and

investment opportunities. You will also be able to handle emergency situations. How often, a small setback becomes a major crisis because people were unprepared.

5. Money is a powerful tool in advancing the gospel. In one way or another, you will need money to fulfill the vision God has given to you and to your family. There may also be those God is leading you to partner with, supporting the work of the Kingdom.

It is my prayer that Christians will do whatever it takes to break free the bondage of debt and will learn to let their money work for them so they in turn can be a blessing to others.



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Dear Friends,

Christian greetings in the name of the Lord! What a mighty God we serve - a God who is helping His people overcome challenges and fulfill the vision He has given them.

Our world is changing. It is exciting to see Christians stepping out into the forefront to bring change in their respective areas. In South Africa, God has put Teamwork in the forefront of bringing racial unity to the church. In Tanzania, Teamwork is taking an important role in training leaders who can move the church from the past to the future, leaders who in turn will train their people to move out to fulfill God's purposes.

I began writing this article in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, where my wife and I were ministering as well as celebrating our 18th wedding anniversary. I want to thank each one of you who helps to make these mission trips possible. I truly believe that God directed me to come to Tanzania last November and again at this time.

In January's newsletter, we shared about my host: Reverend Gertrude Rwakatare. Now I want to follow up on that story.

Reverend Gertrude is truly an outstanding woman who overcame many obstacles. She has a great vision and is a powerful inspiration to many people.

At just nine months old, her parents abandoned her to be raised by her

grandmother. Gertrude lived in abject poverty, barely having enough to survive. She had never had a pair of shoes until she was in the tenth grade. Soon after getting them, she lost one in the toilet (a pit in the ground). Her shoe fell because it was too loose, and she was unable to retrieve it.

In spite of difficulties, Gertrude's grandmother instilled in her a sense of purpose that someday she would be successful and in a position to help others.



Even as an adult, money was tight. One time, when she had guests, she had just enough money for some cassava. As it was boiling, the water got low. Gertrude asked one of her young guests to add more water, but instead, by mistake, the boy added kerosene and ruined the food. They all went hungry that night.

The vision God laid on Gertrude's heart was to help children get a quality Christian education. She currently has ten schools that serve over 10,000 students, in addition to her own teacher's training college. When the visitor walks on campus, the immediate impression is how clean, bright, and colorful everything is. There are colorful statues of native animals, and murals painted on the white walls. Just walking around is a learning experience. She also has her own fleet of buses, which transport students from all over the city.

Dr. CHACHA'S Itinerary

April

- Cape Town, South Africa - April 6-12
- Waynesboro, PA LifeGate Ministries 717-765-9649 April 16-18
- Chambersburg, PA World Harvest Outreach 717-709-1126 April 19
- Greensboro, NC Teamwork Prophetic Conf. April 29 - May 1 (see p. 4 for details)

May

- W. Lebanon, NH Grace Outreach May 8 - 9 603-643-4006
- Nashua, NH, Grace Outreach International May 10 603-883-8273
- Johannesburg, S. Africa - May 11 - 19
- Fort Washington, MD Spirit of Elijah Church 301-203-3424 May 23
- Roselle, NJ - Chestnut St. Community Church 908-241-6470 May 28 - 30

June

- Wales, UK June 8-13
- Rotterdam, The Netherlands June 15 - 20
- Harrisburg, PA Men's Conference June 26 Morning service June 27 Global Outreach Center 717-561-4428

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1st graders greeting us as we Rev. Gertrude's schools



Many people at the graduation were wearing clothing commemorating Rev. Gertrude's achievements. They were delighted to honor her

Rev. Gertrude is investing in the lives of the next generation. By reaching the children for Jesus, she is reaching the parents, in turn. Entire families are accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The children are learning to follow Christ with excellence. She has seen many children set free, delivered from demonic oppressions that were hindering their ability to learn.

Gertrude has also planted three churches that are rapidly expanding. She graciously gives credit to my recent visit for the growth. Just since I ministered there four months ago, they had to break out a wall to make room for 1,000 more people at the main church.

Rev. Gertrude's creative, compassionate leadership extends to economic development, as well. She has established programs that grant loans to women interested in starting their own small businesses.

Gertrude believes in hard work, and endeavors to be the best in all her undertakings. God gave her a tremendous dream to make a great difference in her nation by empowering people to find their dreams and serve God.

In every enterprise she undertakes, Reverend Gertrude shows how valuable people are to her, from small children to men and women in positions of government leadership. God is using her to change lives and to establish His Kingdom in Tanzania.

Despite all her accomplishments, she has received little or no public recognition. On this trip we were pleased to award Reverend Gertrude with an honorary doctoral degree. I have never met a more qualified candidate. We were pleased when many dignitaries came for the occasion from Tanzania and surrounding nations. God will surely continue to use Gertrude as she now begins to work with Teamwork, establishing Teamwork Bible Colleges throughout Tanzania.

My prayer is that as you read this story, you will get a glimpse of what is happening in many nations around the world, for Reverend Gertrude's story, in it's essence, is not totally unique. Many people face similar obstacles and yet rise above them to fulfill the dream God has given them.

I pray that you will be challenged to overcome your own obstacles and find what dream God would have you fulfill or consider whether He wants you to partner with someone who is already doing great things for Him.

Another aspect of this trip involved bringing a pastor from South Africa to visit in Tanzania. As a result, he is now committed to seeing his South African church partner with the churches in Tanzania. Perhaps your church would want to be connected in such a way, working with those who are in positions to have a great impact but need the help and resources you have to offer.

In His Service,

Dr. John N. Chacha

Prayer Needs

- Pray for the Prophetic conference in Greensboro - that lives will be changed.
- Pray for Dr. & Mrs. Chacha as they travel to Johannesburg, South Africa for the largest graduation ever - 800 students.
- Pray for the continuing expansion of Teamwork Bible School - that more people will use this tool to grow deeper in God's Word and be better equipped for ministry.
- Pray for the office staff as they work in various capacities to see Teamwork's vision move forward.

Recognizing Our Value in God

When Tanzania was first explored by Europeans, some explorer/merchants were visiting a remote village near Mt. Kilimanjaro. They watched as the people were playing board games with stones (similar to the game Mancala). They observed that the stones they were playing with had an unusual glint. On closer inspection, the merchants realized that the stones were rough, but valuable diamonds. It was apparent that the people had no idea of the value of what they had, as they were so plentiful.



The merchants devised a scheme to get the diamonds for themselves. They brought beautifully colored marbles and offered to exchange a marble for a stone. The people at first were glad to do it, because the marbles were more colorful. Only later did they realize that they had been cheated.

This incredibly sad story is unfortunately true in many of our lives. How often do we trade colorful things that catch our eye for things of true eternal value? How often do we treat as worthless those things that are priceless?

Which would your choose?



Marbles



Diamonds

This account of the discovery of precious gems in their country was given at the recent graduation ceremony of Reverend Gertrude Rwakatare. For the people attending that day, it illustrated the tremendous value of Reverend Gertrude, a value that had largely been ignored until foreigners (Teamwork) came and recognized it.

Sometimes it may take another person's perspective in order for us to realize the value of the things we take for granted.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it. **Matthew 13:45-46**

As you consider the story of the diamonds, think about your own life. Are you wasting your time playing games with precious jewels, rather than polishing them and putting them in their proper place to be seen and admired? Do you cast people aside because you don't recognize their value? Or are you like the merchant, willing to give everything for in order to see the Kingdom of God advanced in your life and in the lives of others.

Thinking About Wealth - by Dr. Chacha

I want to share just a bit from the teachings I give at financial seminars in various churches and around the world. So often, finances are the missing link in people being able to fulfill their dreams. These principles can work regardless of the economic environment.

Principles Concerning Money

1. Change your thinking about money
Do not cling to old ideas. Many people struggle through life, working harder and harder but clinging to old ideas that once worked. Not realizing that the landscape has changed, they keep trying to use the same strategies that worked for their parents.

2. The power of money is created in our minds.

Most wealth comes from creative ideas A well-fed and equipped mind can create enormous wealth.

3. There much you can do to change your financial situation

While losers wait for some "magic moment", the winner works hard and makes wise choices based on God's principles for prosperity.

Some people believe that you were born for wealth or born for poverty. This ridiculous lie has destroyed initiative, drive and motivation in many people throughout the world.

My father believed that one became poor because God wished it. He thought if you were born to be poor you became poor automatically. That was your fate and you had to accept it. This kind of teaching is a liability. He learned it from his father who learned it from his father. Some of my family members bought into it but I refused it. Thank God.

Unfortunately, some Christians also believe this way. Some religious groups keep people locked into poverty because they believe they did something in their former life to deserve it. Beliefs such as this have kept many people in bondage and poverty for generations.

The truth is, through developing your God-given talents and practicing the principles of giving, you determine the financial harvest of your life.

"Hard work means prosperity; only a fool idles away his time. Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and never succeed" **Prov. 12:11,24 TLB**