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## SERVING THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF MINISTRY

### From Bill

Front Line Ministries endeavors to serve missionaries and their families through encouragement and teaching. The report given in this newsletter on our missions trip to Kenya outlines an extremely large opportunity for FLM to be involved in fulfilling our mission. I think you will enjoy the report.

Sometimes those who go to serve are by far blessed by God more than those they have gone to serve. This trip was a special blessing for me. About 8 months ago, I was given a CD by one of our music directors at our church. The message was by Dr. Joseph Stowell on the subject of world missions given at a pastors conference in the fall of 2003. This message was so inspiring to me that I have listened to it in my car at least 10 times. What had been running through my mind was that I would really like to hear Dr. Stowell in person someday.

You can only imagine my complete shock, when in the London airport, I was introducing myself to a group of other conference speakers who would be on my flight to Nairobi, and one introduced himself to me as Dr. Stowell! As it turned out, Dr. Stowell was one of our plenary speakers for the Association of Christian Schools International conference in Kijabe, Kenya. God answers prayer! I had thought I might someday attend a conference in Chicago (home of Moody Bible Institute, where Dr. Stowell is president) to hear him speak. Instead God took me half way around the world to co-labor with Dr. Stowell, sit under his godly teaching and talk with him daily as a peer for five days. I am very grateful to God for blessing me with this gift to hear and talk with Dr. Stowell in person.

God is not only God of the big issues in life, He is also the God of our wishes. He simply wants us to bring our needs and dreams to Him. He delights in honoring our prayers and faithfulness! *flm* Bill Wakefield

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tested in every way, just as we are – yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16*

## KIJABE, KENYA

During the month of April (6-12), the Association of Christian Schools Int'l invited Bill to present on the topic of *Teacher as Counselor* at the International Educators Conference in Kijabe, Kenya (an hour north of Nairobi). To give you an understanding of the scope and size of the conference, the schools attending the conference were:

- **Botswana** - Tlokweng Dayspring School
- **Cameroon** - Rain Forest International School
- **Kenya** - Rift Valley Academy  
- Rosslyn Academy  
- Maxwell Adventist Academy
- **Nigeria** - Bethany Christian School  
- Hillcrest School
- **Madagascar** - Madagascar Christian Academy
- **Tanzania** - Haven of Peace Academy
- **Uganda** - Heritage International School

In all 10 different Christian missions schools representing 7 African nations were involved. These African schools gather once every three years to encourage and educate their staffs whose purpose is educating children of cur-

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rent missionaries. Their parents are the present leaders of African missions; these missionary children are the future of African missions.

There were over **220 teachers** from these schools in attendance representing roughly **three thousand missionary children**. To give you an example of the impact of just one of these missions schools: **Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya, has 460 students** in K-12 on its campus. The parents of these students represent **81 different Christian missions organizations** spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in **25 different nations**. And these students and their parents are natives of **22 different countries!**

This conference was a wonderful opportunity for Front Line Ministries to partner with the ACSI in caring for missionary teachers: increasing their ability to disciple future generation missions leaders and contributing specifically to the spread of the gospel in Africa and the Middle East. Workshops presented by FLM:

- *Honoring People Differences*
- *Building Self-Esteem in Students through a Stronger Identity in Christ*
- *Creating Healthy Classroom Structure for Learning*
- *Conflict Resolution Skills for Students*

The speakers at this conference were truly national and global in nature and expertise. Our two plenary speakers were Dr. Joe Stowell, President of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and Dr. Bill Brown, President of Cedarville University in Ohio. Workshop presenters included internationally-known experts from Korea, Australia and Canada, and recognized professors from Wheaton College and Trinity International University (both in Illinois).

It was an honor for Front Line Ministries to be recognized as a national and international leader in the area of team building, counseling and people skill development for missionaries and their children. Please know that each of you who prays for and/ or supports the work of FLM was a part of this effort. **Thank you** for your partnership in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in African and Middle Eastern Nations. *flm*

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## CAMEROON - Rain Forest International School

**S**tephanie, a young teacher at Rain Forest Academy located in Yaounde, Cameroon, was one of the many young teachers Bill met at the International Educators Conference in Kenya.

Stephanie teaches the children of missionaries Scott and Lee Pyles, who work with the Medical Centers of West Africa in Meskine, Cameroon. As Bill spoke with Stephanie, he shared with her the ministry of MCWA in Cameroon. As many of you will recall, Front Line Ministries traveled to Cameroon to work with MCWA in 2001! Bill was able to greatly encourage this young teacher and her colleagues, thanking her for providing a way for the Pyles to continue their ministry in Cameroon. Learning more about the work of MCWA's medical and spiritual work among Cameroonians and the Fulani people seemed to greatly encourage this young teacher. The day-to-day rigors of the mission field can cause one to lose a sense of vision for whether one's work really has eternal value. Stephanie and other teachers from Rain Forest Academy expressed their thanks several times throughout the conference for helping them to again see the true meaning of their work as a missionary far from home serving Jesus.

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## Association of Christian Schools International – SWITZERLAND

The high level of receptivity and openness among missions school teachers in Kijabe, Kenya, led to FLM being invited to a special conference of ACSI headmasters and administrators next April 2005 in Switzerland. This conference will be attended by missions school leaders from Eastern and Western Europe, parts of Asia and parts of Africa. Bill and Joyce have both been invited to speak on *Maintaining a Healthy Marriage in Ministry*. *flm*