



September 2008 Devotion
For Expanding Mission Work in Tanzania, Kenya,
Uganda Sudan, and Ethiopia
In the 2007-2009 Biennium

LEADER: Let us begin in the name of the Triune God, the one and only God, Ruler of the universe and Savior of the earth and all that resides in it, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ALL: *This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty.* Haggai 2:6-7

LEADER: Lord, move our hearts to open our purses and richly support the Missionary Training Centers in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia that leaders will be trained, so all who live there may know You as their one and only Lord and Savior.

ALL: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.* Psalm 67:1-4

LEADER: Many of these nations have been torn by war, suffered drought and resultant poverty, and been betrayed by corrupt officials, rebel forces, and colonizers who stripped their wealth, their lives and dignity. As these nations now are blessed with fragile freedom, please raise up many believers who will know and trust Your love, forgiveness, and security found only in Jesus Christ.

ALL: *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20

LEADER: We long to be with You, oh LORD, and have all Your children join us in our heavenly home forever. But we know You have work for us to do still here on earth. In Your mercy, make us brave and generous to spread the Gospel here at home and in these nations of eastern Africa and throughout all the earth.

ALL: *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.* Matthew 24:14

LEADER: We ask for a full measure of Your Holy Spirit to do the work You have created for us to do until we stand with angels and archangels and all believers around Your throne as you have promised:

ALL: *After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.* Revelation 7:9

ALL: We ask Your blessing on our brothers and sisters, the Christian leaders, in these African nations and the Mites we gather to support the Mission Training Centers. In Jesus' almighty name we pray. Amen.