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TAKING THE **EVERLASTING** GOSPEL BACK TO KENYA

Nairobi Airport was as busy as ever when Shane and Dr. Lee arrived there early Sunday morning, the 5th of October. A crowd of friends and porters mobbed incoming passengers who eventually sped away in a river of taxis surging toward Kenya's largest city.

Shane and Dr. Lee welcomed the cooler temps of Kenya's very wet "rainy" season, as a committee of pastors quickly ferried them to the comfortable LMS Guest House at the Union campus on Millimani Road, where they spent two days preparing for a short flight to Kisumu, a brisk drive to nearby Ahero, and four intensive days of meetings there.

The people were very sharp and extremely attentive—one of the best groups we have ever worked with—either here or abroad. Listen to what participants said about the series, in their own words:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Lee Gugliotto, the man of God who told us the Word of God and showed us that I should repent every day to be a good child of God.

— Pastor Harun Okiya

The teachings of Dr. Lee has shown me an approach to Bible study that has opened my eyes and left me wanting to learn more.

— Pastor Ungmed Stroent

We Kenyan church leaders need Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane. They are an asset for us. They brought us a whole University of Biblical Studies in very simple language that enabled us to explore the Bible deeper and connect us and our congregations to God.

— Pastor Reuben Odago Ondola

I wish you could come back again and teach us more.

— Hellen Okello

Dear Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane. I thank God for your visit to Kenya. The word you brought to us has strengthened my faith. I pray that you will come again and help us to study the Bible, together.

— Mildred Akimi Otieno

Dear Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane. Your training was good and well organized. I learned how to deal with workmates, leaders, and visitors to improve my church.

— Hellen Okutta

I want to thank God, our sponsors, and Dr. Lee's team for the training. I pray that you may continue to help us grow spiritually and know the right doctrines.

— Linet Awino

How much we have heard through the teaching of Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane to know more about God's Word and how to pray. May God love you and bring you back.

— Alice Atieno Omondi

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A Class to Remember

Shane filmed several of our classes and many interviews with the pastors who attended them. We have been asked to teach 800 pastors in Kisumu, April, 2009, and 1000 in Nairobi, December, 2009. We plan to post a gallery of vids and pics, soon, on our website.

Out of Africa

Dear Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane. Here in Kenya, we lack teachers who can train us the way you have done. I was really blessed by your teaching and pray that you will not delay to come back here in Kenya.

— Millicent Otieno Ngage

From the day you started until the day the meetings ended, everything you taught has helped us to experience revival: to experience Christ through Bible study, how to confess sins, and to rely on Jesus and the Holy Spirit to please God, not to try and impress Him. Please come back for more teaching!

— Rise Otieno

I want to praise God and thank all our sponsors for the work He has done through Dr. Lee and his friend Shane—who came to train us in Bible study and exposition. I have been blessed with their teaching and challenged in my Christian walk with God. May you (our sponsors) not give up but continue to help us grow in the Word of God so we can help future generations. The teaching about revival really encouraged me!

— Hellen Opiko

I sincerely bless the Lord for His love and concern to bring to us great men of God with inspired word of knowledge of God, to us. A servant of God longing to know more of the Word of God, I found I really knew very little—especially about analyzing the text. I had joined a Bible school recently, but they really opened my eyes and equipped me with strategies to study and understand the Bible.

— Pastor Walter O. Ongen

I thank the Lord for what He has done to my life through Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane and the Empower Ministries stakeholders. They have been a blessing to me since they arrived. In just 4 days, the Lord let me know what I thought I knew, but never knew it. They should start a seminary here so we can get proper and frequent training. I trust God is going to do something about that!

— Pastor Robert Odhiamgo Jubai

The program blessed me deeply. It opened my eyes to take the Word of God more seriously, to study it step by step in order to understand its meaning, and challenged me to take a stand for Jesus.

Pastor Reuben C Nango

Out of Africa (Cont'd.)

Dr. Lee and Pastor Shane: I thank the almighty God who brought you to our town, at the right time. Every little thing you taught changed my way of thinking toward God and my fellow believers. I now realize how little man can do without God.

Thank you for the Bible and for teaching me that only God can take care of me and that I need to know Him better through His Word.

Thank you for sitting down with us like little kids throughout the day from morning till evening without getting tired, despite the hot weather; at pains to help us understand the Bible.

Surely we need you and if possible, a Bible College in this rural area of ours, that the Lord bless you to give us. You even gave us food to eat. God bless you and give our best to our brothers and sisters who sponsored this work.

— Grace Aboye

Thank you for everything that I heard through you; at last I have gained something.

— Silpa Lucy

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Scoring Points for Jesus

An Urgent Appeal

On the final Sabbath of his Kenya trip, Dr. Lee addressed the Lavington Church in Nairobi as the guest of Union Treasurer, Kepha Pondi.

When Dr. Lee arrived, he he used his laptop for a PowerPoint presentation during the worship service.

After closing prayer, Dr. Lee shook hands with members as they left the sanctuary. When he returned to disconnect his laptop from the video projector, a deacon apologized for children who had tripped over the video cable, toppled his laptop to the hard slate floor, and buckled its thin titanium case. On the return trip, Dr. Lee detected extensive internal damage which will cost about \$1,809 to repair. while a new MacBook Pro runs about \$1,999 + tax. Since his insurance only covers damage from “main perils” like fire, and the Kenyans cannot afford to cover either charges, Dr. Lee is asking for your help.

Please contact him **right away** if you can come to his aid; the Apple laptop is an **indispensable** tool of his very mobile ministry.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ONGOING, TIMELY SUPPORT ON NOVEMBER 1st

The Gugliotto’s conducted a weekend workshop at the Mountain View Japanese church, from October 24-26. Just one week before its first evangelistic series in nearly 40 years, here is what participants of the well-attended revival meetings had to say about their experience:

MOUNTAIN VIEW Japanese SPEAKS

Listen to those who attended the workshop

I thank the Lord, Bro. Lee and Jolynn, for this ministry is the answer to my prayer. For a while, God has placed in my heart to know Him better and deeper through His Word. Thank you for the tools and especially to direct the focus that God through His Holy Spirit is our Rabbi to lead and guide us to the truth.

—Elle Oliverio

This was a great presentation. It even helped us with English grammar, how to find the main point of paragraphs, etc. Great. Thanks.

— Carmen Bzelaya

I have been an Adventist my whole life and never been exposed to such an interesting and meaningful experience. I am full like a new born who needs to look at the Bible all over again. Please pray that this will be the beginning of a closer walk with Jesus as I spend time exploring His Word.

— June Yoshida

This seminar on inductive study will help me to grasp the full meaning of the Bible. I’m still a “babe” at this, but will continue to work at it. Thank you!

— Agnes Ward

Thank you so much for coming to our church. I enjoyed the presentation and consider myself blessed. Some of my questions on how, why and where chapters in the Bible took place were answered. Now I am thirstier than ever to dig deeper into the Bible. I will keep praying for you and your ministry. God bless you.

— Queen Dioni

I really appreciated the emphasis on firsthand study, learning from Jesus and strengthening our mental and spiritual muscles. I do believe that a renewal of our connection to Christ personally through prayer and bible study is the greatest need of myself and our church. God bless you as you endeavor to make this a reality.

— Aiko Reichard

I learned a lot during your training, even though the material is only in English. I wish I can obtain at least the basic book in Spanish.

— Luz Pereyra

A VERY special note: Dr. G now airs a daily, 7:30 morning devotional from the Book of Philippians. Simply email your email address to him and you will receive a daily email invitation (sorry, we are limited to 15 participants at this time). He hopes to air these devotions as a daily Podcast, very soon!

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On Fire for the Lord

Early in the Morning

Many students of the Bible struggle to understand controversial terms in the text, because they overlook clues from the context. They lean on lexicons and dictionaries for insights into hot potato language when writers usually explain what they mean.

Take the frequently disputed expression, **the Israel of God** from Galatians 6:16. Many scholars insist that Paul refers to the Jewish nation, while others claim it refers to the New Testament church—as a rebuke of those who still think the Jews are God’s Israel; some even apply the term to part of Israel—the pious remnant that Paul refers to in Romans 11:5. To discover the sense Paul gave it in Galatians 6:16, however, limit yourself to the local context; then you can appeal to other passages in Paul’s writings for confirmation.

To begin with, the words “**of God**,” tell us that Paul does not refer to the whole nation of Israel when he says, “**the Israel of God**,” much as he separated Israel into parts in Romans 9:6 where he says, “**They are not all Israel, who are of Israel.**”

Second, when Paul says that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters in Christ, he refers to the church as a place where faith decides membership for both former Jews and Gentiles (3:26), where members experience new creation—supernatural transformation—through the power and ongoing influence of the Holy Spirit (5:22-25). This is unmistakably consistent with Paul’s remarks to the Romans that “**true Jews**” are not outwardly circumcised in the flesh, but inwardly in the heart, by the Spirit (2:28, 29)—a circumcision performed by Christ, without hands (by the Spirit), according to Colossians 2:11.

It is also safe to say that, “**the Israel of God**” possesses the “**righteousness of God that comes through faith in Jesus Christ** (Romans 3:22).” Though God’s righteousness escaped Jews who tried to make themselves right with Him through obedience to the law, it continues to fall on a remnant of Israel, prophesied to receive it through God’s gracious patience (Romans 9:27; Isaiah 10:20-22), in God’s Israel, the church (Romans 9:22-27).

Mountain View Speaks

I found these sessions very interesting, informative, and fun! I wish we had more time together. I know that there is so-o-o much more to learn. I hope our church will be blessed enough to have you both back again to share more information. Until then, I will try and do the online thing.

— Donna Duarte

This is the first workshop I ever had on how to study the Bible in a very meaningful way. I know I will enjoy my time with the Word and have a much better relationship with the Lord! Thank you very much.

Everyone who wants to have a closer walk with the Lord should go through this workshop.

— Peggy Chan

Exciting to learn. Dr. Lee is a very good, interesting speaker. I appreciate that all is given to the glory of God

— Anonymous

The most impressive thing is that learning Bible is building up faith.

— Anonymous

November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 <- October	1 7:30 AM Devotional Workshop at Susanville, CA
2 7:30 AM Devotional Workshop at Susanville, CA	3 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 4, 8PM Online	4 7:30 AM Devotional Film Videos 6, 8PM Online	5 7:30 AM Devotional Film Videos	6 7:30 AM Devotional Film Videos 6, 8 PM Online	7 8AM Worship 7PM Vespers Paradise, CA	8 7:30 AM Devotional Workshop at Paradise, CA
9 7:30 AM Devotional	10 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 4, 8PM Online	11 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 6, 8PM Online	12 7:30 AM Devotional Film Videos	13 7:30 AM Devotional Film Videos 6, 8 PM Online	14 7:30 AM Devotional Staff Retreat	15 7:30 AM Devotional Staff Retreat
16 7:30 AM Devotional Staff Retreat	17 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 4, 8PM Online	18 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 6, 8PM Online	19 7:30 AM Devotional Filming Videos	20 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 6, 8PM Online	21 7:30 AM Devotional 7 PM Workshop at Fairfield, CA	22 7:30 AM Devotional 2-6 PM Workshop Wedding
23 7:30 AM Devotional Brd. Meeting	24 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 4, 8PM Online	25 7:30 AM Devotional Editing Videos 6, 8PM Online	26 7:30 AM Devotional Filming Videos	27 7:30 AM Devotional Thanksgiving Holiday	28 7:30 AM Devotional Thanksgiving Holiday	29 7:30 AM Devotional Thanksgiving Holiday
30 7:30 AM Devotional Thanksgiving Holiday	1 -> December	2	3	4	5	6

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