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## The Hope of Africa by Russell Frazier



Have you ever heard anyone preach from Lamentations? Have you read from the book of Lamentations? It is one of the books of the Old Testament that we often avoid reading. Maybe we avoid it because it is like a funeral dirge. Maybe we avoid it because the writer is known as the weeping prophet.

The writer, Jeremiah, had experienced the confusing reversals of God. He hoped that the people of Judah would repent through his prophecies, but they didn't. In fact, they despised him, laughed at him, and mocked him; he was one of the despised fools of God. He sensed the absence of God; he prayed fervently, but all he heard was the echo of divine silence. Yet, despite the trials and sufferings, Jeremiah hoped against hope: "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope" (v. 21).

This has been the experience of the people of God – hoping against hope. We continue to hope although the situation does not warrant hope.

Of Abraham, it is said, "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations..." (Rom. 4:18). When all around us seems hopeless, hope anyway!

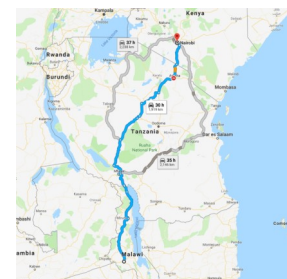
This is the experience of my brothers and sisters in Africa. This is the story that I want to share. This is the story that they want you to hear. The stories of some of our African brothers and sisters are inspiring.

Can I tell you the story of Joshua? Joshua (Josophat) Kalimwayi is from the country of Malawi. He was born in the family of 8 children (6 of them girls and two of them boys). In 1998, his father and mother separated; his mother was left to care for all 8 children. When Joshua finished high school, he sensed the call of God into Christian ministry and began his studies at our school in Malawi in 2015 and graduated on 12 May 2018. However, he wanted a university education and said, "It was my desire to further my education, so that I can better prepared for preaching God's word."

He started collecting funds, so that he could attend ANU. He managed to collect \$520.

He started the 1,192 mile-trip from Lilongwe, Malawi to Nairobi, Kenya by bus. That is about the same distance from Wichita, Kansas to Baltimore, Maryland, or from Nashville, Tennessee to Denver, Colorado. It took him four days on

a bus... traveling four days and nights.



When he arrived on campus, he had no scholarship. He used the little bit of money that he had to pay for one course in the September trimester. That's all the money that he had. He used the remaining money for food and other needs. Another friend from Malawi agreed to give him lodging. He registered for several courses in the January trimester, hoping that he would be given a scholarship, but he didn't receive any support. He had to drop all of the courses except one. There were other pressing needs on the ANU scholarship fund. Joshua is still there. He is waiting. He is hoping against hope! In one of his last messages that he wrote to me, he said, "Pray for me, Doctor." Would you join me in praying for Joshua?

**Postscript:** Joshua has received the support of a pastor and a church. His story is like the story of many of our students who come (or want to come) to ANU. Thank you for your support and prayers!

**"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." - Philippians 1:3-5 NIV**

# Community Service



The Covid-19 pandemic has altered many of our lives in one way or another. It has had brought with it some positive and negative aspects. Many people around the world have experienced hardships from this pandemic. Here in Kenya, it has affected many, including some of our students. I (Carla) recently, was able to assist in passing out food packages to some of our students who lived close by ANU campus.

One of our outsourced cafeterias, La Sala, donated food items for students. It was a combined effort with several staff members being involved in the distribution, from the Student Services, Clinic, Bookshop, and Finance departments. It was such a joy to see some of our students again. And even better yet, it was rewarding knowing that we had helped feed and encourage students.

I am thankful that Jesus Christ is still the Lord of All! Even through all the troubles of this world God is in control and He will provide the grace and the strength for all that we need!

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for Russ as he teaches 5 classes this trimester and all of his other responsibilities.
- Pray for Carla as she works with student finances.
- Pray for our students and faculty to adjust and do well with the online classes.
- Pray for ANU leaders in making decisions during this Corona virus season.
- Pray for ANU staff members who have been laid off.

## Upcoming Home Assignments

Our home assignment will take place every year from April 1 to May 15 until 2023. Here is our schedule:

### 2021

April 1-8: OPEN

April 9-26: Canada West Tour

April 28-May12: Florida District Tour

May 14-15: Alabama North NMI Convention

### 2022

April 1-May 15: OPEN

### 2023

April 1-May 15: OPEN

If you would like to have us for a service, please let me know at [jrussellfrazier@gmail.com](mailto:jrussellfrazier@gmail.com). We would love to come and visit you district for services.



We are so happy to announce a new addition to our family. Our granddaughter, Sutton Jo Frazier, was born at 1:30 a.m. on June 8th. She weighed 9lbs and was 21 3/4 inches long. She and mom (Chelsea) are fine. Congratulations to Seth and Chelsea!

