

**News from
the ministry
of
Russell and Carla
Frazier**



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A Running Report By Russell Frazier

There are certain times of the year that lend themselves to reflection. I find myself reflecting on Good Friday.

The last few months have been full of activities. I share these with you hoping that you will see some concerns and pray with me.

On Saturday, February 25, I left Nairobi for Nashville. I arrived the following day on Sunday evening. I spent the day with dad and Judy. I spent some time with my sister and her family in the evening. The next day, I drove to Indianapolis to hug some grandchildren. Then, I drove to Wilmore, Kentucky to attend the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting and presented a paper on Saturday, March 4. In the evening, I drove to the western part of Kentucky. On Sunday, I represented missions at the Mayfield and Paducah churches. It was a wonderful time to reconnect with the friends in those congregations!

On Tuesday, March 7, I arrived back in Kenya. Five days later, I was on a plane to Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. (I don't think that Carla was too happy about it.) In Goma, I taught a course on biblical interpretation to pastors in the Nazarene Theological Institute. On Thursday and Friday, I participated in a graduation ceremony for NTI graduates and an ordination ceremony for pastors in Africa Central Field. On Sunday, I attended services at the Katindo church, and in the evening, I had some meetings about FATEN. I returned to Nairobi on Monday, March 20.

While in Goma, I received a message from Carla. Have you received a phone call that communicated a life-altering message? You can remember where you were and what you were doing. In June, Carla and I were in the States, I received such a phone call from my dad. We were traveling for deputation services from Florida to Louisiana. Dad announced to us that Judy, his wife of more than 27 years, had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS. The prognosis was not good. While in Goma, I received another such message. Judy passed away on 18 March. Carla contacted me from Nairobi. We weren't able to attend the celebration of life, but we celebrated her life. She was a wonderful Christian lady. She was a blessing to our family. Please pray especially for my dad.

Upon returning to Nairobi, I began working on the touches for *Transform: A Journal of Biblical, Theological, and Practical Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition*. I serve as the production editor for the online journal. The journal is a collaborative effort between numerous Wesleyan theological institutions in Africa. We felt that the Wesleyans in Africa needed to find a voice. Thankfully, we have a voice in Transform. Here is the link to the articles: <https://ojs.anu.ac.ke/index.php/soj/issue/view/2>.

I continue to work with a committee that is working to establish a new institution for French-speakers in Africa, FATEN. We have been making significant progress. The institution will function online. We are planning to launch the institution at the General Assembly in June. If you are attending the General Assembly, I encourage you visit the booth. We would love for you to use your social media platforms to spread the word! We are needing ministry partners, financial partners, and prayer partners. We invite you to become a FATEN Ambassador!

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"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

He is risen indeed!

BRIEF UPDATES

Carla and I will attend the General Assembly from 9th to 16th June.



Prayer Requests and Praises

- Carla has had a minor surgery. Praise God she is recovering well.
- Thank God for much needed rain!
- Kindly pray for safe travels to the States and during our home assignment.
- Dorcas Ushindi will represent FATEN at the General Assembly, if she gets her visa. Please pray that she will secure a visa to the US.
- Pray for Russ's dad in the loss of his wife, Judy.
- Pray for ANU students spiritually and for their exams.

NEW WEBSITE

Our website was redesign and launched. Take a tour of the new features by visiting: <https://frazierministry.com/>

Upcoming Home Assignments

May 10: Nashville Grace, TN
May 11: OPEN for a service in Eastern Kentucky
May 12: Kentucky Mountain Bible College
May 14 AM: Brookhaven, MS
May 14 PM: Capital Mission Cluster, Jackson, MS
May 17: Marksville, LA
May 20: Nashville First King's Mens' Breakfast, TN
May 21 to 26: East Tennessee District Tour
May 28 AM: Evansville Beacon, IN
May 28 PM: Mackey, IN
May 29: OPEN
May 30: OPEN
May 31: Sullivan, IN
June 1: OPEN
June 2: OPEN
June 4 AM: Ossian, IN

June 4 PM: OPEN
June 5 to 8: Missionary Retreat
June 9 to 16: General Assembly
June 17 to 24: Northeast Indiana District Tour
June 25 to June 30: Kentucky District Tour and Assembly

- June 25 AM: Madisonville, KY
- June 25 PM: District Assembly
- June 26: District Assembly
- June 27: OPEN
- June 28: Monticello, KY
- June 29: OPEN
- June 30: OPEN

July 1: Travel
July 2: Colorado Springs New Life, CO
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