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Sabbath Rest

by Russell Frazier

April and May were very busy for me at Africa Nazarene University. I handed over the Deanship of the School of Religion and Christian Ministry to one of my colleagues just about a month before my departure. I was grateful to be relieved of some of the administrative responsibilities. The handover cleared my path for a sabbatical, which began in mid-May.

I left Kenya on May 21 and spent six weeks in the United Kingdom for research and writing. I conducted research principally at the John Rylands University Library, where I focused on the sermons of John William Fletcher (1729-1785). In addition, I travelled to Cliff College in Calver, England and Shropshire County Archives to do further research. I anticipate publishing some original sermons of John Fletcher's that have not yet been published.

Many of you may know that John William Fletcher was a seminal figure in early Methodism. Some of his sermons have been published, but many have not seen the light of day outside the archives. I transcribed (with assistance) the sermons and compared the transcriptions with the originals. I am really excited about this project! It was made possible through some relief from my everyday responsibilities.

Just before boarding the plane for the US in London, I took some time to visit some of the French Huguenot Chapels, where Fletcher preached after he was ordained in 1757 and before assuming the incumbency at Madeley in 1760. Wesley rented the buildings at the time. I enjoyed visiting the chapels and seeing the places where Fletcher actually preached.

I am very grateful to the Global Mission and Manchester Wesley Research Center. It was a tremendous time to be able to work on a project that I think will impact Christianity in general, but especially on the Wesleyan Holiness movement. Thank you for your support and your prayers. May God bless you richly!



The John Rylands University
Library



Russ with Fletcher's copy of
the Book of Common Prayer.



Russ with the baptismal font
from Fletcher's church in Made-
ley, now located in the New
Road Chapel



Plaque for Hanbury Hall

My Sabbatical

by Carla Frazier

I am grateful that the church has provided me with this time for a sabbatical. When I heard the word sabbatical, I always thought it was only for preachers. But since being on one, I have discovered it is for everyone in any ministry. A sabbatical can be a time of re-charging if you allow it to be. I didn't realize that I was on a low charge until I got away and reflected on what I wanted God to do for me while taking this time away from responsibilities. I love that we were provided with some guidance for reflection to see how God wants to draw us closer to Him and perhaps change how we do things. We were challenged to search for a Bible verse that would connect with us for this time. So, this is the verse that speaks to me: "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

During my sabbatical, I was privileged to spend much time with my family, my son and his family, and especially my parents. I was able to attend two family reunions, and I also got to see many of my extended family members. Normally, when we are in the States for home assignments, I barely have much time to spend with any of them. It is rush here, rush there, and before you know it, it is time to go back to our place of service. With these two months of sabbatical, I was able to spend some quality time with my family. It has been a busy time; however, I have also had some wonderful, fulfilling, and relaxing times. I thank God for this time.

I pray that Christ will fill each of you with joy and peace. ~ Carla

Praises and Prayer Requests

- Thank God for safe travels for both of us as we were in different parts of the world.
- Pray for peace in Kenya.
- Pray for ANU to receive an increase in students.
- Pray for Russ and Carla for safe travels as we start Home Assignment.

Here is the link if you wish to give toward our mission: <https://give.nazarene.org/category/region/africa/frazier>

Upcoming Home Assignments

Below is our schedule. We would love to see you in one of these churches. Stay tuned!

- July 14-21: Indianapolis District
- July 24: Marksville, LA
- July 28-August 1: Northwest District
- Aug. 4-9: Intermountain District
- Aug. 11-18: WAPAC District
- Aug. 20-25: Kentucky District
- Aug. 27-Sept. 1: North Carolina District