

# Personal Note

April 24, 1997

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings from East Texas!

First, due to my commitment in class work this year, I have been limited in time to correspond with many of you this year. I thank those of you who have written me, I appreciate knowing what is going on in your lives and that you have taken the time to write.

I would like to take this opportunity and share what God has been doing in my life. For the past eight months, I have been involved in Youth With A Mission-Tyler' School of the Bible(SOTB), an intense year long study and training program of God's Word.

School of the Bible is designed to raise up young leaders, who in a few years will lead a ministry of their own.

Being that 45 of us from 12 different countries are being raised up to be leaders in The Kingdom of God, the kingdom of darkness does not like what is happening here. The spiritual attacks of oppression and depression have been fierce and constant, but in the midst of it all God's grace is sufficient(II Cor. 12:9&10). God recently led me to Ro.5:3-5, "And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulation, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."(NAS) From this verse come two thoughts. First, that my walk with Jesus Christ must be a constantly working and growing relationship, otherwise I can become complacent and in time, act out my relationship with God in a religious manner like a Pharisee, which I confess has happened in areas of my life. Second, these constant challenges in my life are needed to build character and prepare me for the ministry God is calling me into, which is to lead, teach, and disciple others in Christ. The 45 of us in SOTB are being raised up as young leaders like Joshua, whom in a few year will lead ministries, because the leader in our lives now will be gone and the question will be asked to us, "Who will lead the people,now?"

Also, through my New Testament teaching on the Book of Philippians which I did a couple of weeks ago, God led me to 4:4-7 which states, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."(NAS) The title of my teaching was, "Trust God," and the setting was to a group of future leaders. I ended the teaching with this phrase, "Because we set the example for the future where there will be challenges to overcome, leading fellow believers and be in the presence of non-believers and they will ask you, 'Do you trust God?'" With this phrase, God right there challenged me and since then, I repented, asked for forgiveness, and received His grace and mercy.

What God retaught me here is that being a Christian is to walk out your relationship with Jesus daily. In a relationship with Jesus like any other relationship, there will be stretching and challenging times, but God will ask us to surrender things to Him so He will remain Lord in our lives.

Finally, with these last weeks of class and outreach to Kenya to come, please keep me in your prayers and feel free to write or e-mail me at "davekap@aol.com"

Well, that's all the time I have for now. I need to close and study for next week's test on The Atonement.

Your Brother in Christ,

David

# Summer

## By David Kappeler

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Please pray for the Kenya outreach team:  
Front row:(l to r) Amy, Robin, Joanne, & Charnelle.  
Back row:(l to r) Matthew, Julie, Kim & Dave.  
In back:Mark(staff).

### "Prepare for Kenya"

Greetings once again from Texas! I've just completed an intense year long study of the Bible in Youth With A Mission(YWAM pronounced Y-WAM) Tyler's School of the Bible(SOTB) to be better equipped in discipling others and nations. I will be going to Kenya(see map on back page), working with Wycliffe Bible Translators who are well known for translating the Bible into the languages of hundreds of different people groups around the world. To help expand the work Wycliffe has done, the idea is to have YWAM's SOTB conduct Bible and discipleship schools in countries where the Bible has been translated. Once the Bible has been translated by Wycliffe, a School of the Bible team comes into to give teachings in Christian principles and how to effectively disciple others. The outreach to Kenya is a test case for future outreaches between Wycliffe and YWAM.

Eight other people and I will be 7,000 ft. up in elevation on Mt. Elgon in western Kenya for five weeks teaching 80 pastors of the Sabaoth people, who are not be able to attend Bible college. Of the thirty teachings to prepare for Kenya they include Nature & Character of God, Man, & Sin, Why did Jesus have to die, Continuance in the Christian life, and True & False Christianity(Relationship with God vs. Religion). The idea here is teaching pastors Christian principles, where they then can pastor effectively, release others to disciple and multiply themselves they can go back to their congregations who can have an impact on the 300,000 Sabaoth people. If the Sabaoth people are disciplined effectively, then they can impact the 15 million people in Kenya. If the people of Kenya are disciplined effectively, then they can impact the continent of Africa. If the continent of Africa comes to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, then why not the world? This outreach is crucial. Being a pilot program, the success of this venture to the Sabaoth will determine how STOB will be involved in the many similar opportunities worldwide. Thank you!



## Calendar of Events

June 28 Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya

June 29 - July 5 spend time preparing in Nairobi.

July 7 - 18 Split team into two groups and do first two two week seminars with pastors

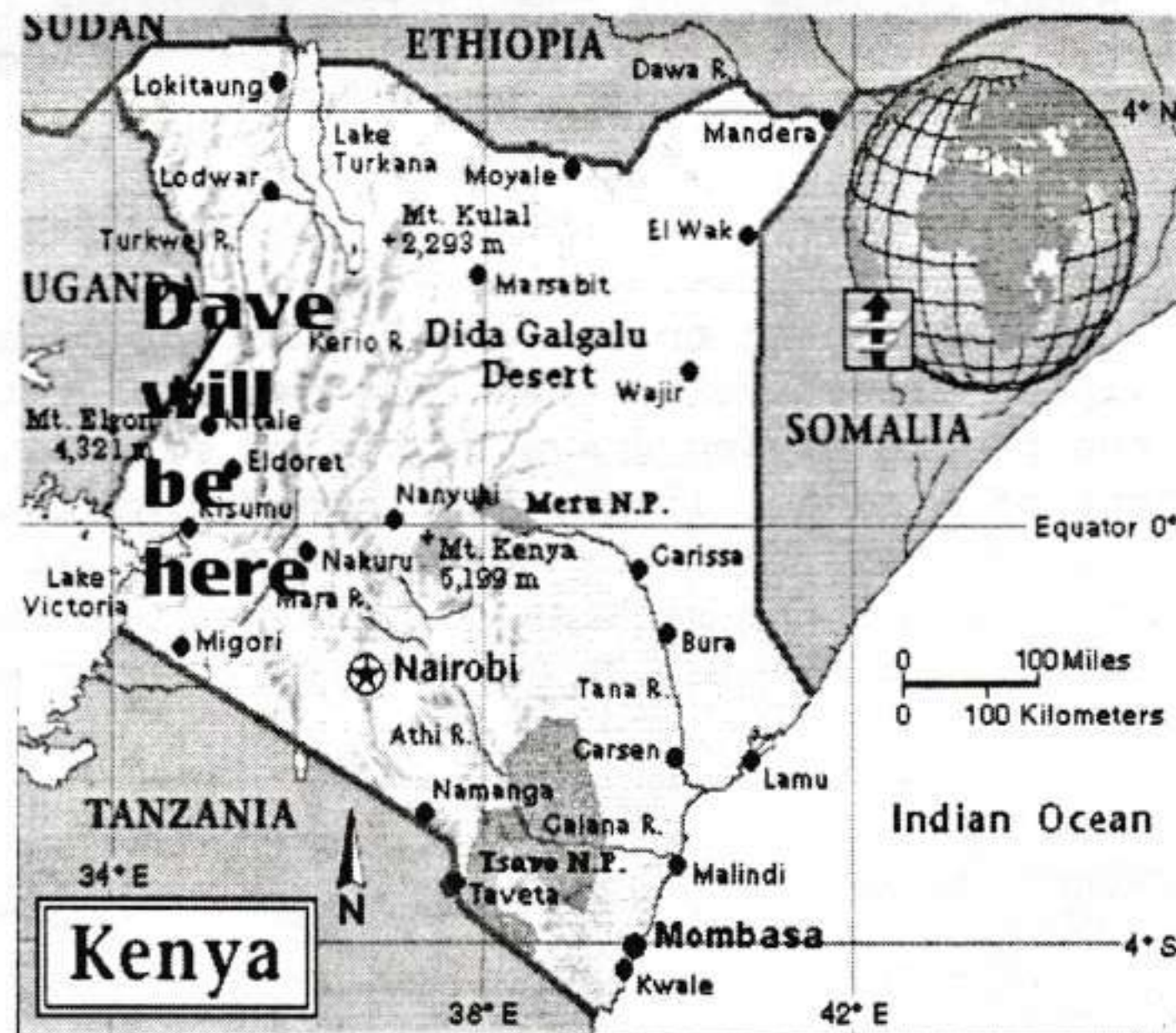
July 12 - Aug. 1 Do second week of seminars

Aug. 5 Leave Kenya and arrive in London.

Aug. 10 Leave London, arrive in Dallas at 2:00 p.m. and decide what to do next.



The Kenya team having fun at a cowboy boot and hat store. Who says being a missionary is boring.



God has been challenging me in various areas of my life through this past year. I've enclosed a brochure entitled, "My Yoke Is Easy," that has ministered to me and thought you would enjoy it as well.

### Prayer Requests:

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Christ
- Finances and housing for the 80 pastors who are attending the seminars (There is economic hardship in Kenya)
- Thanksgiving - God has provided for all my needs for this outreach!
- Direction and vision for what to do after School of the Bible

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Pictured here at the Wycliffe Bible Translation station for the Sabaot people in Western Kenya.

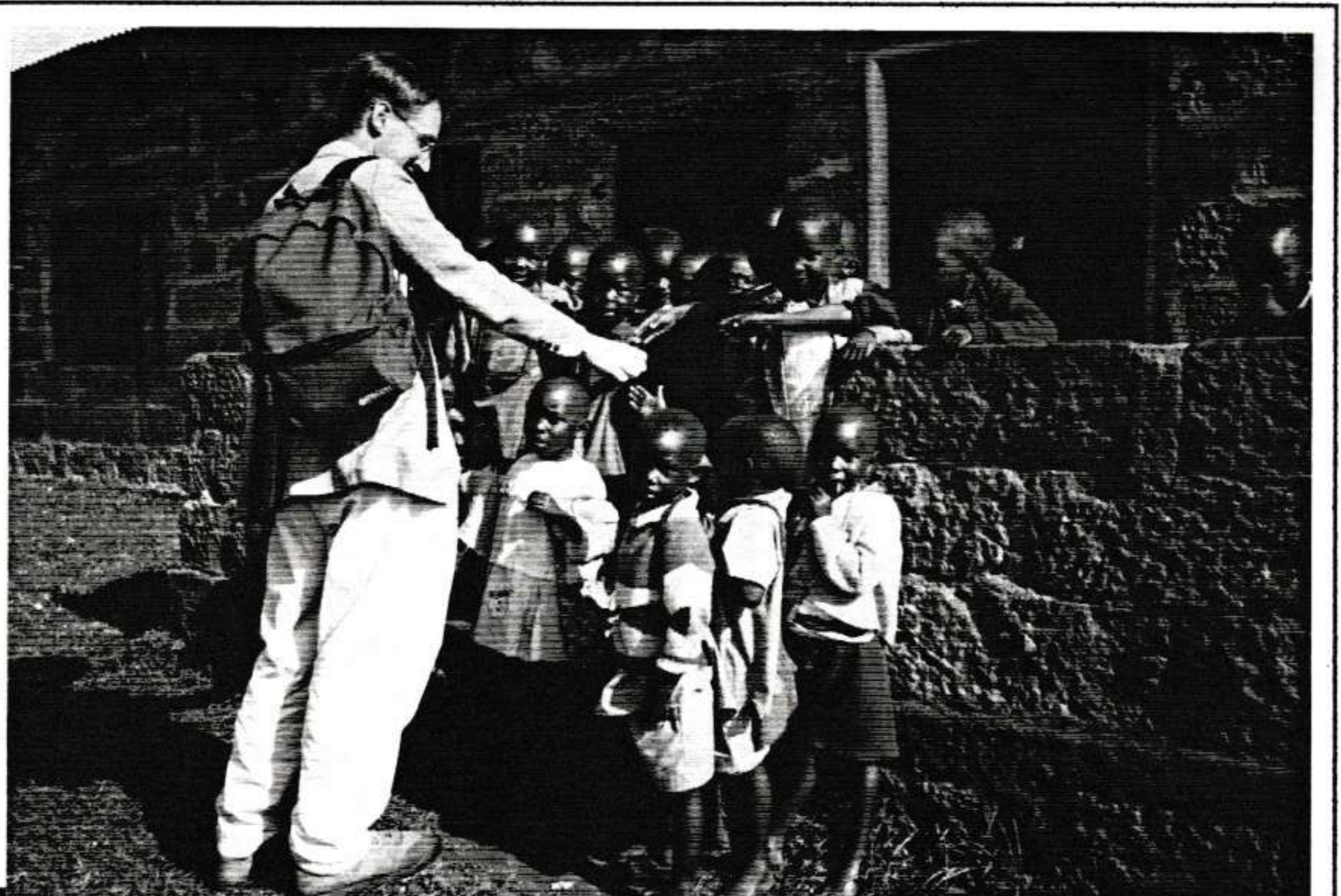
"Kenya"

Greetings from Texas! This past summer, I worked with a team of six from Youth With A Mission (YWAM pronounced Y-WAM) Tyler, Texas' School of the Bible (SOTB) and completed a five week outreach in Kenya, which is located in East Africa south of Somalia and Ethiopia. The team worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators who are well known for translating the Bible into the languages of hundreds of different people groups around the world. The goal of this outreach was to take what was learned in SOTB this past year and practically apply it by teaching pastors and church leaders and better equip them in discipling others in their nation. We worked with a people group numbering about 200,000 called the Sabaot located in western Kenya on Mt. Elgon. 85 pastors and church leaders from 16 different denominations put aside their differences and came to the Sabaot Bible Training Seminars.

After the Bible Training Seminars you could see the difference in people's countenance where they learned that God was not far off and distant. These pastors and church leaders came to understand who God was: active, longing to be in a loving relationship with them, Who only has the best in mind for them and us (please see letter-size page for a list of some pastors' testimonies).

These pastors also learned that regardless of some doctrinal differences, Christians in other denominations are just as important to God as they are to Him.

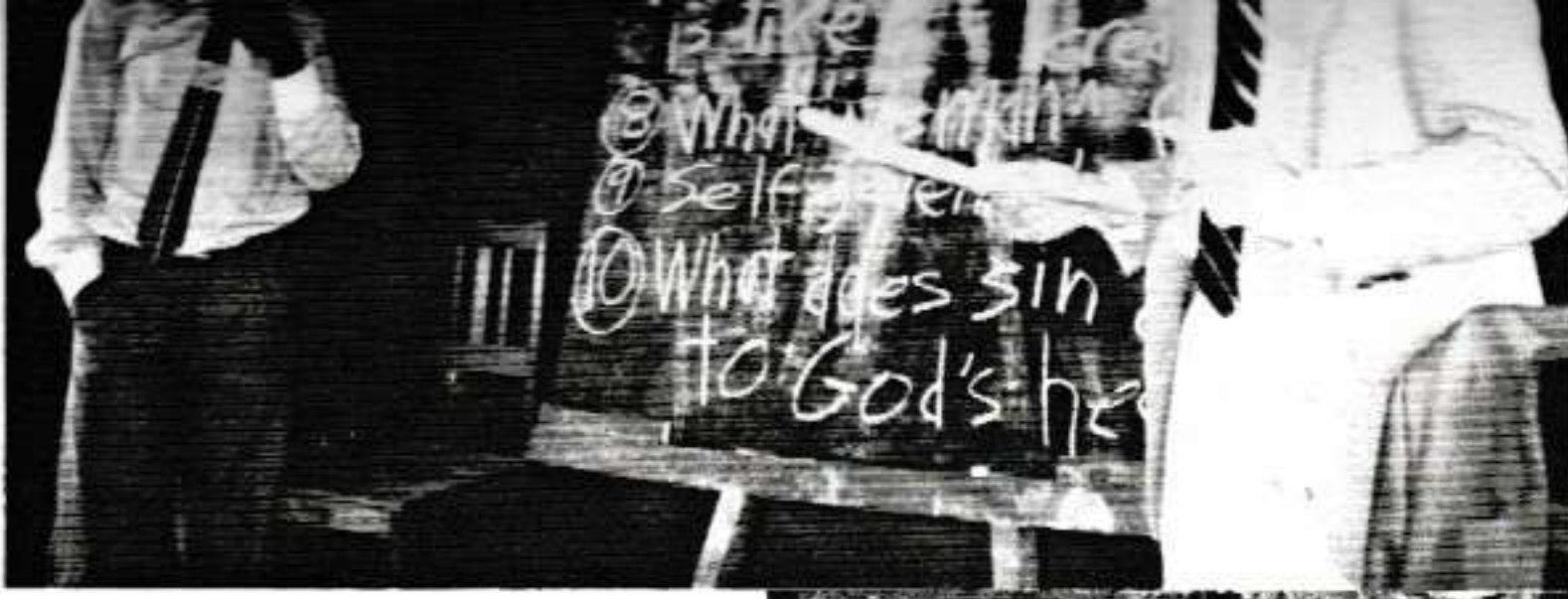
The prospect for future joint efforts between Wycliffe and YWAM in other world-wide ventures has been enhanced and plans are being considered for a second outreach to Kenya for the next or following summer.



Here I am above greeting little children before the day of teaching begins with pastors and church leaders. Anywhere I went little children would be calling me, "muzungoo, muzungoo" which means white person.

At left I stayed in Kapsokwony for a month while teaching at the Sabaot Bible Seminars in Kapsokwony and

Below: Pastors taking a break after a teaching session in Kaptama.



At left: Teaching on the importance of prayer in Kapsokwony. It was here that the people gave me my Sabaoth name, "Kwalia" which means "the polite one."

Graduation Day for the Sabaoth Bible Seminar in Kaptama where the mayor of the town and the local chief came.



**Prayer Requests:**

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Studying Teacher For the Nations, 1997-98
- Overcoming insomnia

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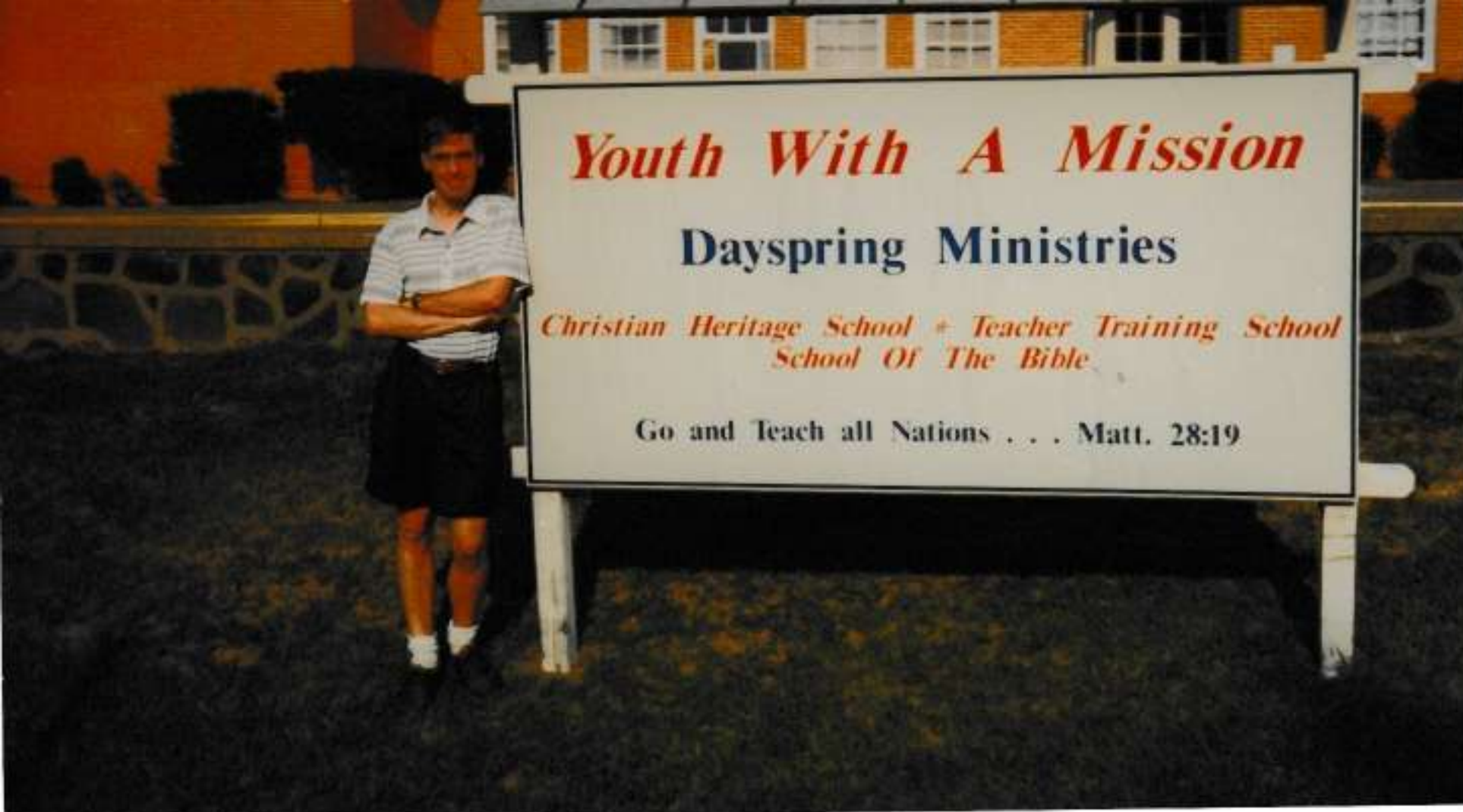
# The Frontier

Winter

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Pictured here at Youth With A Mission-  
Tyler, Texas Dayspring ministries.



## "School of the Bible"

Greetings from Texas! I've just completed the largest Youth With A Mission (YWAM pronounced Y-WAM) outreach for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia and only days later, embarked on a year long study of the Bible. YWAM-Tyler's School of the Bible (SOTB) is designed to train people with tools on studying the Bible and discipling others and nations. Topics include Old and New Testament Studies, Character of God, Nature of Sin, The Atonement, Historical View of Ministry, and How to Give a Sermon. On paper, I will have an associates degree in Bible from YWAM's University of the Nations and the qualifications to be a pastor in some churches.

During this year of study, there will be three outreaches. The first is a leadership outreach for one week with my pastor in December, the second is a 10 day outreach in Mexico, at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin, or Idaho and a five week outreach to anywhere in the world in late June. So far places like Idaho, Haiti, Peru, Albania, Nepal, and Kenya have been confirmed as outreach locations for next summer with another twenty under consideration, but not limited to those counties offered by School of the Bible staff. Many are excited about this year's SOTB class due to the 47 people who are enrolled, up from the all time high of last year's class of 15.

## "Wycliffe & YWAM"

Recently, Youth With A Mission's School of the Bible has held meetings with leaders of Wycliffe Bible Translators who are well known as being able to translate the Bible into other languages, to discuss the possibilities of working together to spread the Gospel. Recently, a survey conducted by Wycliffe showed that once the Bible is translated into a language, one out of a thousand in that people group or nation actually takes the time to pick-up, read the Bible, and come to a relationship with God.

To help expand the work Wycliffe has done, discussions are underway of having Youth With A Mission's School of the Bible conduct Bible and discipleship schools in countries where the Bible has been translated. Once the Bible has been translated by Wycliffe, a School of the Bible mobile team comes into a region for three months and give morning, afternoon and evening teachings to pastors and laymen to studying the Bible and learn how and the importance of discipling others. When these people are trained, they then can pastor effectively, release others to disciple and multiply themselves and other tribes, people groups or nations.



**At Left:**  
In class from  
7:45a.m. until  
12:20p.m. with  
10 minute breaks  
every hour.

winter '97

# Sabaot Bible Seminar Testimonies

"It is of great importance to have these Bible Workshops for it was like I was asleep and now I am awake for I have known some of the important parts about the Bible, Christianity & who God is and other parts which were equally valuable."

Mustafa Masuwli

"My life has been changed by the Bible workshop where my previous ways of living started changing as from mid last week where I became lenient, patient and even being kind to whoever comes to me."

James K. Masai

"I have come to learn that I am supposed to work in Godly love despite our differences of churches."

Mark Ndiema

"That God Himself is love & has given us freedom to choose between wrong & right? He wants us to choose to obey Him & live according to His Word."

Phanis Matony

"After the two weeks of the Sabaot Bible Workshop I started praying at home in my Sabaot[language]. My wife was very surprised when I started praying in my own language."

Unknown

"The most important thing God has revealed to me this week is that:

1. Truth is only found in Jesus
2. God communicates with us
3. The Father, Son & Holy Spirit all work together to bring God's relationship with man
4. We should love others"

Mary Chepkwemoi

"I like very much the taste of these lessons, they are so very sweet."

John Kipchin,  
Pastor - Calvary Church

"My life has been changed by this Bible workshop because I have very much known about God's love because before I knew very little about it and now I have known in detail that God's love compose many characters - mercy, wisdom, faithfulness, truthfulness, & of all these holiness is found."

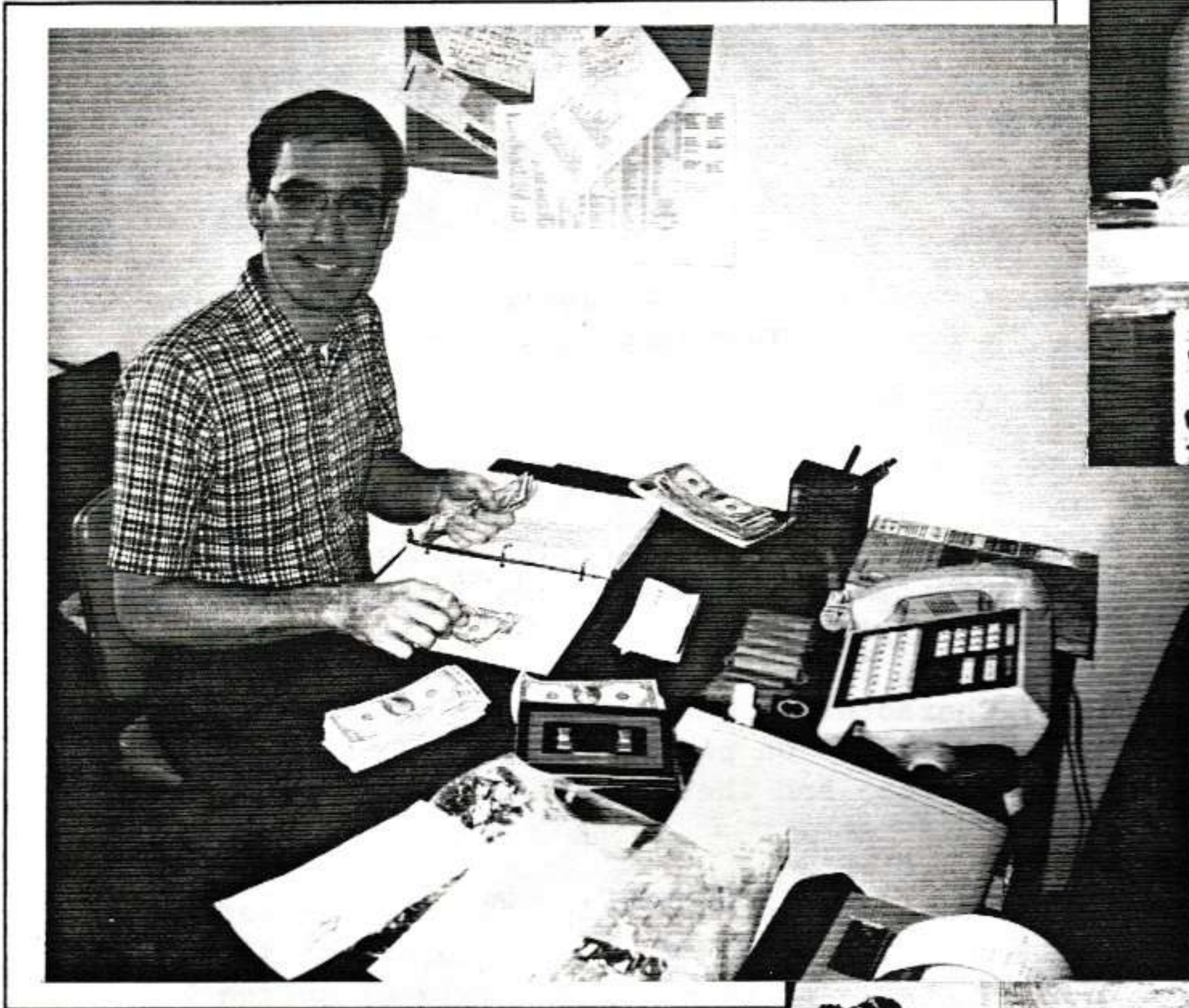
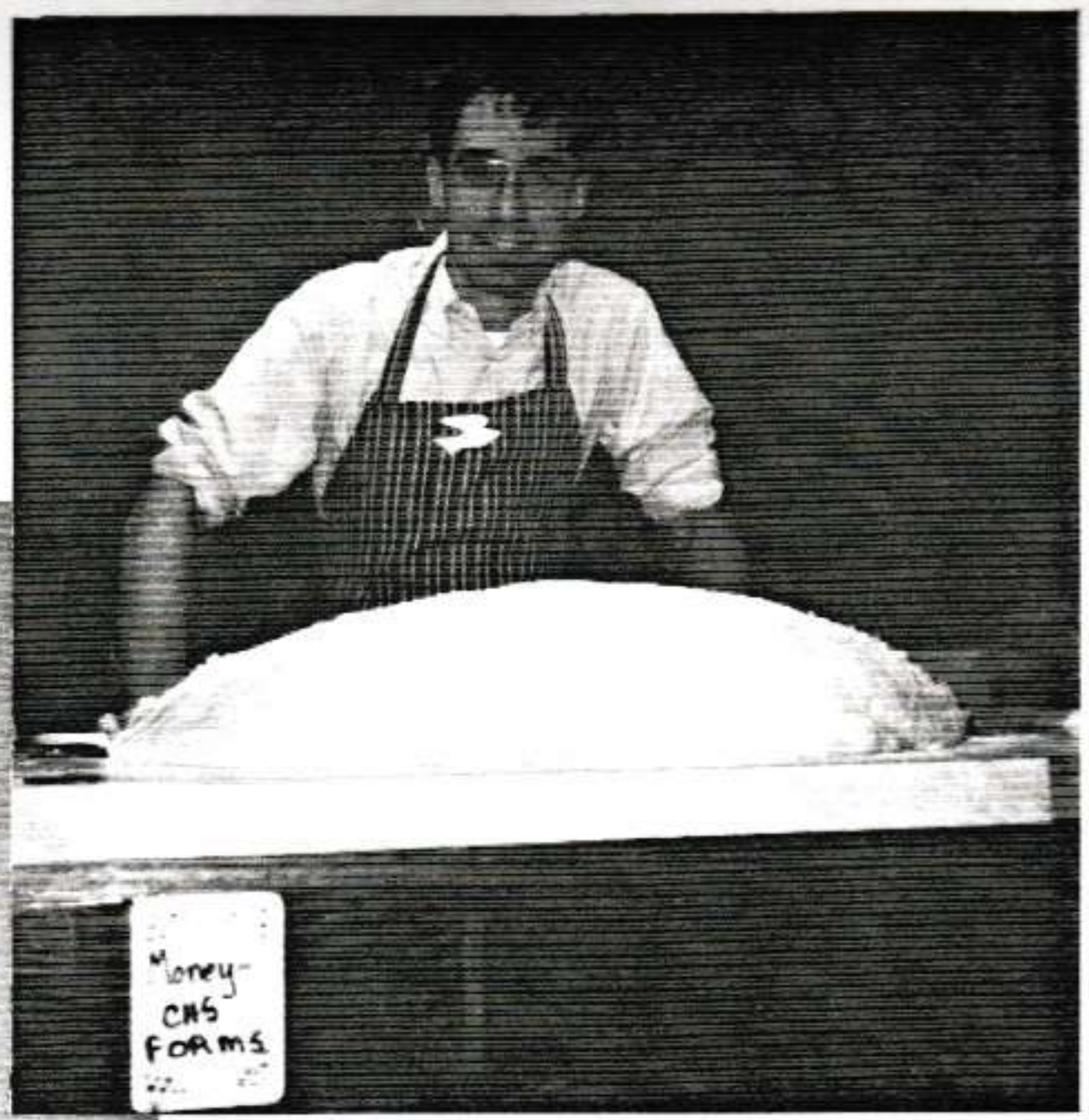
Nelson Mendei Kiboi

"I have learned what God's love is. It gave me understanding that God evaluates sin in the heart not the human deeds. Due to that, my heart has changed and I now understand the main purpose of man to God."

Patrick Cheshari,  
Senior Pastor  
African Divine Church

At Right:With a lot of "dough" for Sunday lunch to make pizzas with.

Below:Each student has a work duty to help keep expenses living at Dayspring Ministries down. Here I am doing accounting which entails making deposits at the bank and paying bills.



At Right:Pictured(1 to r) with Jim my small group leader and Larry who has been Director of School of the Bible for 15 years.



### Prayer Requests:

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Christ
- Raise an additional \$2100 for School of the Bible fees

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### Youth With A Mission-Tyler, Texas School of the Bible 1996-97

Front Row 1 to r:Krista(Staff-PA), Amy(TX), Becca(TN), Jovita(Canada), Robin(FL), Thabo(South Africa), Joanne(South Africa), Charnelle(South Africa), & Jean(TX). Second Row:Garrin(PA), Debbie(CA), Monica(TX), Kim(IL), Julie(England), Vio(Romania), Vlady(Mexico), Andrew(Paup New Guinea), Margarett(Staff-South Africa), Desirea(OR), & Yngvild(Norway). Third Row:Andy(WA), Jerod(Canada), Mirla(Puerto Rico), Kim(IL), Leone & Joe(Brazil), Michelle & Jerrid(WS), Ran(Staff-ID), Jeff & Jamie(Staff-OR & WS). Forth Row:Dawn(FL), Jennifer(Canada), Beno(Brazil), Susan(CA), Kim & Terry(VA), Tim(Canada), Brent(TN)



