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"Teaching the Bible Around the World" Matthew 13:31-32

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Dear Friends of the Great Commission,

What we need, today, in the church age, is the filling of the Holy Spirit. We achieve this by staying confessed-up on our sins. When we are saved, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. But when we commit that first sin, we lose the filling of the Holy Spirit. So what we need to do, to regain the filling of the Holy Spirit, is to confess that sin to God. That's Ephesians 5:18, which says "Be filled with the Holy Spirit," with First John 1:9, whch says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So we need to go through our day, sinning and confessing, and stay filled with the Holy Spirit. It says that when we confess, we are cleansed from all unrighteousness. So when we confess our known sins, we are forgiven and cleansed from sins that we have forgotten, and those that we didn't know were sins. That's grace folks. Furthermore, when we confess our sins, we are not only filled with the Holy Spirit, but we are back in fellowship with Christ and God the Father. That's what the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ needs today, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and fellowship with Christ and the Father.

The Lord is still using our preachers in Africa, namely Zambia and Malawi, to reach hundreds of thousands of students with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are seeing thousands of students saved, by faith in Jesus Christ. I read in Decision magazine that decades ago, Africa, below the Sahara Desert was 9% Christian, and today, Sub Saharan Africa is 62% Christian. So tens of millions of African people have been and are being saved. Our preachers are part of this. Some of our teams see 80 to 90% salvation decisions, when they preach Christ in schools. We see testimonies of students who are experiencing life change, when they trust Christ. For purposes of followup and discipleship, we have been training school teachers to start and lead Bible Clubs in their schools. We have about 140,000 students in weekly teacher-led Bible studies, in schools. Our trained teachers, leading the Bible Clubs, meet weekly for Bible study with the teachers, so we see about 400,000 student-hours per month of Bible study, in the Bible Clubs that we have started. The last time our head man in Africa went up into Mzimba, to train teachers to start and lead Bible Clubs, he trained 191 teachers and started 85 Bible Clubs. The total cost, gas and everything, was $7,700, to train 191 teachers. We are blessed.

Your Friend, Russ Medley

Featured in the pictured below are students from the area of Mzimba South.

