

Newsletter, May, 2005

Dearest Friends, Family and Armor Bearers:

It is already May and nearly half the new year has passed. Much has happened with my ministry and I felt it appropriate to write some of the exciting things happening down in the form of a newsletter to keep you abreast of everything, and ask you to join me in prayer for the upcoming months.

Terri Clark Ministries has different branches of ministry, so I have broken this newsletter up into several sections with related prayer needs at the end of each section. Please take these prayer needs to heart. Without the prayers of the saints, this ministry could not exist. After all is said and done, prayer remains the mortar which holds Terri Clark Ministries together.

Tying the Family Knot

Everyone has been asking me how my book sales are going and honestly, I cannot say. The publisher puts out a sales report every six months, so until I receive that report, there is no way of knowing. My inquiries only get me the figures of the last report which came out just two months after the book was released, *and before* any publicity had been done.

I can say though, that there has been a lot of attention given to it. The book has received several favorable reviews in Christian publications, as well as three major book excerpts featured on prominent Christian websites, (CBN.com and Crosswalk.com). You can go to these links and read the excerpts when you visit my website. I have been blessed to do numerous radio interviews in several states such as New Mexico, Oregon, Florida, Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois, Virginia, New York, Minnesota, Texas, and of course, Arkansas. Some of my favorites were *Family Life Today* with Dennis Rainey, (we taped two programs), and *Money Matters*, with Howard Dayton and Steve Moore, (we taped four programs). Jeanne Caldwell of Agape Church in Little Rock interviewed me about the book for her television program, "In His Presence." This program aired in March on their Little Rock station, VTN (Victory Television Network). The program was also aired nationwide on Sky Angel Satellite's Eagle Network. Wow!

Because *Tying the Family Knot* has received so much interest in the churches, I have developed workshops and seminars to meet blended family ministry needs. The seminars and workshops are really beginning to take off as well. With one out of every three Americans in some part of a blended family, I guess we shouldn't be surprised at how much attention this subject is generating.



Prayer Needs:

Please pray that God would use me, my book, *Tying the Family Knot*, the *Tying the Family Knot Seminars and Workshops*, and all of the related materials to minister to couples who are struggling in their marriages. The divorce rate is over 60% for second marriages, and this statistic is virtually the same for those in the Body of Christ. I receive many emails from couples around the country who are desperate for help. Pray that God gives me wisdom in answering these emails and ministering His grace to them. Pray also that when unbelievers find this book, they also find Christ in it.

Speaking Ministry

When I began my speaking ministry, I never imagined that I would be traveling so much. This year alone, I have spoken to women's groups, churches, retreats and conferences as well as my own seminars and workshops. These speaking engagements have taken me to Alabama, Iowa, Tennessee, and here in Arkansas, with pending engagements in Oklahoma, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, and Nebraska, and again, Arkansas. While all of this is exciting and fun, it is also quite challenging spiritually and physically.

Spiritually, I want every presentation to come from God's Spirit and my heart. As I prepare these messages on a variety of topics, I need to be spiritually "tuned-in" to what God wants me to speak to each group. Though, on occasion, I do use variations of a presentation I may have used elsewhere, it is very important that it be tailored to the people attending this event. Preparing messages has really pulled me into God's Word, challenged and strengthened me spiritually, as well as humbled me to be used in this way. As they say in Uganda, "Echitebwe Chide Eri Mukama", May all the glory be returned to God.

Physically, speaking and traveling has a tendency to wear me down. I am finding out what my physical limitations are and trying to schedule and work within them. Harvey and I have determined that we don't like being separated for long periods of time, so we have set a limit of two weeks. Harvey is the number one supporter of this ministry, and without him it just wouldn't happen. I thank God daily for this awesome guy! He may not be out in front of people, but believe me, when Harvey speaks, I listen!



Prayer Needs:

Please pray that God's anointing will be upon me as I study God's word, prepare the messages and then deliver them to the various groups. Pray that lives will be changed and the lost will be saved through the preaching of the Gospel. Also pray that God opens the doors He wants me to walk through, and that He will give me the grace and wisdom to know which doors are of Him and which are not. Pray that I will continue in good health to travel and maintain the sometimes rugged schedule of speaking in different states and nations.

Uganda Mission

While I truly love ministering to women's groups, doing seminars for blended families and writing in America, I feel very strongly that God has blessed me in those ministries so that I can further His work in Africa. In a quiet time of prayer, I asked God to show me what direction the work I was doing for Him should take. I loved doing all of the things I was doing, but did not know how to marry them together. I began to notice how other ministries used their American ministry to fund foreign missions. That was my answer. I formed Terri Clark Ministries, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation and the rest is history.



Since meeting John and Monique Mubiru in 1998, God has grafted our hearts together in ministry. Together, we are reaching out in Jesus' Name to the remote areas of Uganda, preaching the Gospel, planting new churches, and nurturing these fledgling believers. We've built the first floor, and opened the doors of a new medical center, and we've launched a wonderful Child Sponsorship Program to educate the very poor children of Uganda to help them out of their cycle of poverty. The Mubiru's and I have a very big vision for Africa, but that's ok, because we serve a very big God.

Ray of Hope Medical Center

In October of last year we finished the first phase of construction, and dedicated the Ray of Hope Medical Center to God. The first floor of the clinic with the Pharmacy is now completed and in full use. In the dedication service, the Lord gave me names for the three floors of the clinic. The first floor is called, "Hope" because it brings hope to the people of Ntinda. The second floor is called, "Faith", because it will be built by faith, and the third floor will be called, "Victory", because it will be completed in Victory. Hundreds of patients with AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases are treated, prayed for, counseled, and healed in this humble, purple building on a dirt road in Ntinda, Uganda.



Prayer Needs:

- Medical Supplies & Equipment
- For the clinic to be self supporting financially.
- Finances to complete the second and third phases of construction and furnish them.
- Medicines for dispensing to patients both in the clinic and from the pharmacy for the local needs.
- Good health for Monique, and the other nurses and doctor as they are in contact with various health risks.

Children's Sponsorship Program

Education is not free in Uganda as it is in America. Ugandan children consider going to school a privilege. Unfortunately, if the family does not pay the required school fees, the child is sent home. Our Children's Sponsorship Program is designed to break the cycle of poverty for these children and at the same time reach them and their families for Christ. This is how it works. We find American sponsors to pay the required school fees and the related costs of going to school. It amounts to \$240 per year, per child. This covers one year's tuition, two uniforms, books, supplies and lunches. Sponsors can correspond with their child, send gifts and at the same time educate them. In order to qualify for the program, the child's parent or guardian must have a real need for help and they must agree to allow their child to attend the Saturday Children's Program at the church. In the Saturday program, nearly 400 children are fed lunch, taught the Bible and scripture songs. Many of these families are Muslim and others are into the occult and witchcraft, (both are very common in Africa). As a result of the Saturday program, whole families are coming to Christ. These families come to church to try and understand why these Christians would help them and not just keep the sponsorships for their own children. The Children's Sponsorship Program is a tremendous outreach to the community.



Prayer Needs:

- **Americans to sponsor the 300 children who are living in poverty and unable to attend school.**
- **Financial needs of the Saturday program to feed and teach the children.**
- **Good health and wisdom for Moses Bogere, the program director who oversees all of the children and their needs.**



Monique Mubiru will be coming to America in June!

My dear friend, Monique and as she says, “My Twin”, will be coming to America in June. I will be escorting and driving her to all of the places where we have been invited to speak and share about the Uganda Mission. We will be traveling to Oklahoma, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, and Arkansas. We are both very excited about the things God is doing and the doors He has and is opening. During her stay in the United States, she will be examined by a doctor in Indiana, and if necessary, undergo surgery. The Lord has been so good to provide a wonderful Christian OB/GYN doctor to help her with a problem that has been ongoing for sometime. In Uganda, she would not be able to receive the needed care, so this is truly a blessing for her. Mukama Bulungee! (God is Good!)

I have listed below a general itinerary and I would ask that you keep this and pray for us both during this time. Other prayer needs for this trip are listed below.

Prayer Needs:

- Finances for Monique’s airfare, visa and travel expenses in the states.
- Support for the additional two phases of construction on the medical center.
- New sponsors for the children in the Sponsorship Program.
- Good medical reports from Monique’s medical exam
- If surgery is necessary, then all to go well and a quick healing process.
- Safe travel for Monique’s flights and for our driving across America.

Itinerary:

June 1	Monique arrives in Dallas and we drive up to Arkansas
June 3-5	Tulsa, Oklahoma- speaking in churches
June 10-13	Grand Rapids, Michigan- speaking in churches
June 15	Medical Exam in Jasper, Indiana
June 17-19	Jasper, Indiana speaking in churches
June 21	Hot Springs, Arkansas- speaking in church
June 23-24	Kansas City, Missouri- visiting Stonecroft Ministries Headquarters
June 26	Hot Springs, Arkansas- speaking in church
June 28-July 15	Possible Hospital stay and recovery, Jasper, Indiana
July 25	Depart for Uganda from Dallas

Again, thank you for standing with me in prayer. May God richly bless each one of you in all that you set your hands to do.

Sincerely In His Service,

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