

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

March 2007

### **Special Edition: Abiding Above in Nairobi.**

Your prayers were answered! Hundreds of young people entered into the Kingdom of God as you prayed them out of the Kingdom of Darkness. I thank God for you every day. My time of ministry was a complete success in Nairobi, Kenya, in East Africa. You made it possible!

**Days in Nairobi:** My contacts in Africa, Jack Stiles, and Timothy Kyuli, had every single day organized for me from sun up to sun down. The first seven days I was in Nairobi, the capital city. I preached in one high school after another promoting the planned great city-wide rally and sharing the simple gospel message: *Christ Died for You*. I preached at 19 high schools. It was rigorous, but each time I stood to speak and looked into the faces of hundreds of students the Holy Spirit energized me with His message. He is faithful!

**Rally in Nairobi:** These days in the high schools led up to a large rally we held at the largest church in Nairobi. It was exciting! More than 40 trained volunteers, all wearing matching T-shirts, helped with the rally. How I wish you could have seen the unity and expectancy as the rally unfolded! More than 3500 students from city, and rural high schools traveled by bus to The Nairobi Baptist Church. Buses filled the parking lot bringing the young people in. It looked almost like a Billy Graham Crusade!



I preached two messages. One was the message of salvation for the lost; the other for those already saved; the message of surrender to the Holy Spirit. I know you were with me in prayer, and I wish you had been with me to see these young people crowd to the front after each message. Unbelievable! Oh, how God moved across them and deep into their hearts!

**Rally In Nairobi: The Nairobi Baptist Church**

**Decisions in Nairobi:** In the high schools we saw 582 students make decisions for Christ. Then at the rally we saw another 230 (at least) make decisions. For a grand total of 812! Praise the Lord! But there's more! I also preached in three church services while I was there and saw 29 people make decisions for Christ in the churches.

Those who made decisions were given discipleship lessons they can do at home to help them grow in the Christian life. **Abiding Above Ministries** is committed to doing more than "get them saved". We see them as babes in Christ who need be nurtured in a simple way with the Word of God.

Expenses, long flight, jet lag, being away from home, long days, odd food. Small hardships that quickly fade, when you see God so work in the hearts of so many! You can know and be proud that each thing was done decently and in order. The ministry fully funded everything. We made it so easy for all who wanted to attend to be able to do so. You made this possible. Thank you.

**Pastors Conference in Nairobi:** It was my privilege to lead a Pastor's Conference in conjunction with The Adrian Rogers Pastor's Training Institute. Dr. Rogers's son Steve, Executive Director of PTI, and his wife Cyndi worked with me to bring a dynamic conference to over 200 pastors! My lesson: The Spirit-Filled Life of the Pastor. Steve facilitated many sessions of Dr. Rogers special teaching entitled What Every Pastor Ought to Know.

They loved the conference and want us back next year in a location that can accommodate up to 500 pastors! It was a total success. Over and over again the men said, "This is what we really need. Not a preaching contest, but structured teaching on how to be a pastor."



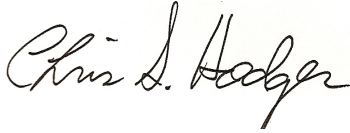
**Our Ministries** paid all expenses. Worth it? Remember, ministry to ministers is ministry to multitudes. Think of all those they will speak to as they return to their churches!

**On and On:** My friend, I could go on and on, and wish I could, but I must stop. I want you to know I love you and thank God for you every day. If it were not for you, these mighty events might not have happened. Thank you for giving to this ministry. I know you do not have to. You choose to. I know our little ministry based here in Tennessee is one among many organizations, some very large and well known, across the United States.

You can know that we run a straight path so as to not waste time and resources. Think for just a moment. There is only one thing that is eternal on this earth. The souls and spirits of men, women, boys, and girls. When you total up how many people are saved through this ministry and how many are thoroughly disciplined with the free lessons, you can know we are accomplishing more than many large organizations across this great country. We continue to keep the main thing the main thing, knowing He will soon come.

Please pray about giving to this ministry monthly. All that we did in Africa was a free gift to the people. If you have been giving to Abiding Above, we are so thankful for you. Please pray about an increase. Thank you for caring about us. May God bless you, your family, and friends in every area of your life.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Chris S. Hodges  
President  
Colossians 3:1-3

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