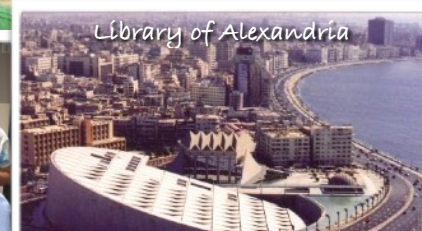


EGYPT



I arrived in Cairo midafternoon. I met my driver at the congested meeting point at the exit to the arrival hall of the airport. Stepping into the desert heat, I received a warm greeting by Robert who would now drive me three hours to the ancient city of Alexandria.

I drifted in and out of sleep on this trip as I had been traveling over twenty-four hours by this time and I was not enjoying the chaotic traffic of overcrowded roadways filled with people with no patience. I surfaced from sleep after we were further out on the desert road which was lined with massive groves of olives, grapes, citrus and other agricultural farms as far as my eyes could see.

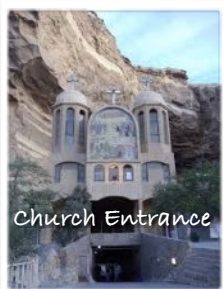
I would have one day to recover from my journey before I would teach. The Bible college in Alexandria is using a rented facility of a Christian media organization. The room was small but adequate for this group of students in the satellite branch of the college based in Cairo. The classes are taught over two days in a modular format. Following those two days I was able to visit the Library of Alexandria before traveling back to Cairo to prepare for the second class of students. I then had two days to visit the Pyramids, and the Egyptian museum as well as a very interesting Orthodox Christian church in a cave that seats twenty-six thousand people.

The second group of students had been studying for longer than the first group with a number of them already in the ministry as pastors. For this reason, there was a different type of experience in the class room that enabled me to teach at a different level. I really enjoyed teaching them and made some precious friends with one of the leaders of the college and his family.

I am not under any illusion that I single handedly prepared these students for ministry. But I believe that I was graced to do my part in forming Christ into their lives. I enjoyed the subject of "The Ministry Gifts" and teaching how these functions are given for the purpose of developing everyone to find and fulfill their God-given purpose.

During my teaching I felt strongly impressed that God is preparing to do some marvelous and wondrous work in this historic land. I believe that He is preparing to raise people into places of prominence to impact Egyptian society. The nation of Egypt will play a significant if not leading role in reaching the Arabic speaking nations in this generation with the message of Christ.

It would appear we are nearing the end of the age and I believe God is desiring to sweep the land and surrounding nations with His Spirit to bring in the harvest of souls. Together we now have a portion of that harvest and God-willing we will continue to reach the four corners of this earth with the Power of God unto salvation and that is *the glorious gospel of His peace*.





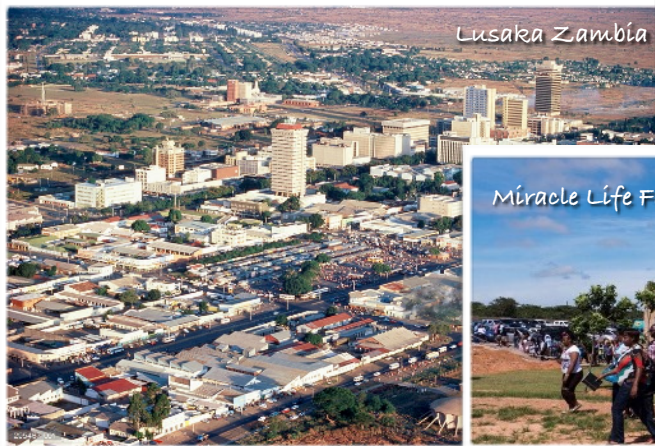
ZAMBIA



My next international trip for this year is Lusaka, Zambia. I have been honored to be asked to return and to teach during the third term of Rhema Bible Training Center Zambia. I will be responsible for two subjects one in the first year class and a second in the second year. Both of these will be taught over four weeks. Additionally, I will be speaking at an Alumni meeting for our graduates and three of the Sunday services at Miracle Life Family Church while I am there.

I am looking forward to seeing our friends and former students. Having said that, this trip is longer than most and will require extra grace to be separated from Cindy during this extended time. Initially I had expected she would be able to join me for part of the time but this is just not possible at present.

I have learned that whatever God calls us to accomplish we are not able to do it ourselves. Cindy and I appreciate your partnership in this work. Together we are developing others in effective ministry, as we labor to form Christ in them by helping them to be established in their true identity. As always your prayer is appreciated and we are so thankful for your financial partnership that makes the impossible possible. Together we are investing in the lives of the next generation of pastors and leaders in the nations of the world and for this journey the Zambian church.



Lusaka Zambia



Students of Rhema Zambia



Miracle Life Family Church

Over the past 28 years, Steve and Cindy Shoop have invested their lives in ministering the Gospel of Jesus as missionaries. Their passion for helping people has provided them with the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry positions, as well as the privilege of living in three different countries in Africa.

Today, Steve and Cindy reside in the state of Ohio after living 25 years in southern Africa. Steve continues to express his gift in ministry both in the United States and the nations of the world.

Steve has a passion in developing leaders who are established in God's love, grace and peace that comes through the righteousness of faith.

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