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I (Tom Bear), received the following email on 3/26/2018 from a Pastor Bright from Uganda in Africa:

Praise the Lord dear ministers of God at "Stone Cry Out Ministries" am Pastor Bright from Uganda. Rhema Prayer Life Church in the central part of Uganda Kampala City.

Am humbled to connect daily to your website programs which has effected changes in my life and ministry at large. i hereby request your visit to Uganda and bless us with the word of God.. not only us but a number of churches is ready to host you together..

GENERAL INQUIRY:- do you mind working with us as part of your ministry from Uganda in the expansion of God's Kingdom? we are ready to host you in a soul winning mission into Uganda.. welcome to Uganda.

pastor Bright

Here is my email response back to him that same day:

Dear Pastor Bright,

As best I can know my own heart, I am ready to go wherever God would have me go. However, I am not convinced God wants me to go to Uganda at this time. But because you asked, let me try to provide more information to you.

For some time, I have been praying for the Christians in Africa, India and China who are suffering under poor Christian leadership. I know that there are many ill-equipped Christian men and worse, many wolves, who are in positions of leadership in these areas of the world. As a result, many Christians are not being fed the Word of God as they need. As a result, there is widespread ignorance that makes way for deception and only marginal harvest of the fruits of righteousness in the lives of God's people.

I suspect that people like you might recognize these problems and with good motives, you want Christians who seem to have some knowledge come over there and help teach your people. The motive is good but at this point, I am not convinced that visits from us are the remedy. I believe the Holy Spirit has been burdening my heart to pray that God will raise up righteous men from among YOU that will do this work.

Here is another thing that you should keep in mind. While there may be much ignorance of truth in your country, there is perhaps a worse situation here in the USA. We have been living in relative safety and protected from widespread persecution over here for a long time. While God can and does use many things to awaken His people even now, the lack of actual persecution (resulting directly from our identification with Jesus) has produced a significant drowsiness in God's people over here. So, while there may be more knowledge coming from pulpits here, the people are spiritually weak with little faith and small measure of the Holy Spirit. We are not like Stephen in the book of Acts.

On the other hand, while there may be less biblical knowledge abounding over there, I suspect that there are still many people over there who have greater faith and a greater measure of the Holy Spirit. I don't know you, but it could very well be that God has blessed you with a greater degree of faith and measure of His Spirit than that which currently resides in me and most of the Christian leaders over here. Put another way, maybe the thing that needs to happen is for people like you to come over here instead of us going over there!

A Liberian Christian woman attends one of our meetings. Yes, she lacks an abundance of Bible knowledge right now. (That is changing as she continues with us.) But she seems to have something that the rest of us lack. She is blessed with a good measure of faith. I am glad we can help her gain Bible knowledge. In the same way, we could help people over there. But what about you and others like you? Getting Bible knowledge is easy. Getting faith and a great measure of the Holy Spirit is a whole different matter. If Christians from the USA come over there, we might have a negative effect on you. Yes, you might gain some Bible knowledge. But simultaneously, you might learn how to become drowsy in Spirit like most of us here.

Since gaining biblical knowledge is relatively easy to anyone who sets their mind to acquire it (with God's help of course), perhaps we could be just as helpful giving assistance from over here. Do you think it makes any sense to begin communicating through email in order to explore the possibility of helping people like you do what needs to be done? (Instead of us coming over there and possibly infecting you with our sleepiness?)

Let me know what you think. Also, please pray that God begins to awaken us over here granting a greater measure of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely

Tom Bear