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I am waiting at the Nairobi airport for my flight into Kathmandu Nepal. The story of flight changes, pilot strikes and late arrivals is too long and it makes me weary just to think about it. So instead, I will share with you the amazing things that God has done on the last part of our trip in Tanzania.



I think it needs some background – In 2013 Ancient Promise began working with the Tanzania Assemblies of God to teach Bible study skills and Spiritual Renewal to their seven Bible Colleges and 32 Church Planting Schools. The spiritual impact was so great the Superintendent invited us to come back and teach the spiritual renewal course to its 180 Bishops and their wives. After that Renewal Conference in 2016 the head bishops along with the Superintendent identified ten very serious spiritual issues that the conference had exposed that are rampant in the denomination as a whole. They then created a resolution and covenant to address the issues starting with leadership at the top of the organization. In turn they have then requested that Ancient Promise take the Spiritual Renewal course to all seven zones in the nation, teaching an average of 200 presbyters and their staff in each zone. On this trip to Tanzania, Pastor Curt Pearson, and Paparazzi Evan Berns (so named by the Superintendent) and I went to two zones to lead in these conferences. The Superintendent came as well as his staff and he spoke to the presbyters alongside of us.



I do not know how to describe what God has done in these two conferences. We have seen massive and profound Godly sorrow and repentance as the course confronted these issues that are so prevalent within the church in Africa. I believe it was Curt that spoke of King Josiah and what happened when the King discovered the Truth of God, the Law, buried deep in the Temple that had been desecrated by idolatry and greed for generations. Josiah wept and grieved and lead the

people back to the Lord and the Truth (2 Kings 22 & 23). After the conference was over and the Spirit of God had poured out on his people, we sat outside the church under a tree and talked with the superintendent. This man has changed in the six years we have been working with the



denomination. He spoke of the power of God and how God was using this teaching to transform the entire denomination (close to 9000 churches) including his own soul. He has been through the course with us now four times and claims God has spiritually circumcised him each time. He believes that God is using Ancient Promise to bring the denomination back to the Truth and spiritual renewal. He believes that because of this renewal the nation will be impacted. Curt and I walked away from that moment talking about how humbling it is to walk with God when He is doing such a mighty work. We both concluded that God works in such mysterious ways – so unlike what we would expect. It is hard not to feel so completely unworthy of such a moment. All Glory and honor belongs to our God!