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Dear EAPTC Partners,

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... He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion ... (Phil. 1:6)  
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Now and then God tunes our hearts to listen to His voice in the midst of our busy life. In such precious moments, God often clarifies our life's purpose and mission. Lately, we felt God trying to draw our extra attention to what He is doing with us.

We began to wonder what plans God has for us in the places where He began EAPTC over the years, and that particularly in 7 African nations including NAMIBIA OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO SUDAN OF NORTH AFRICA. We felt God was obviously trying to do something in these somehow linked places. As a matter of fact, we have been praying for God to open doors for us to launch a ministry in West Africa as soon as we felt that our work was established here in Kenya and East Africa. All along West Africa has been our target. Although I ministered at meetings held in Burkina Faso and Ghana several times at the request of church leaders there, we just couldn't begin any 'hands-on' ministry there in terms of Bible school/church plant 'till today. Instead, God led us to spread in the countries like Namibia (Southern Africa), Malawi (Central Africa), and Sudan (North Africa) – the countries which we frankly did not even consider! We felt like Apostle Paul and his companions who traveled through Phrygia and Galatia, which Acts records that they were kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. Even when they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to (Acts 16:6-7), the Bible records. Then something happens there. Acts 16:8-10 tells us that story.

“So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, CONCLUDING THAT GOD HAD CALLED US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THEM.”

Though not exactly the same way, we've had some similar incidents. Years ago, a pastor from Malawi visited us here in Nairobi and asked us to come over and help with Bible school and church plant in Malawi. And Moses Aringo, one of our Nairobi Bible school graduates, was willing to go then. After having finished extra cross-cultural training, we commissioned him and sent him to Malawi. That is how the ministry in Malawi came to be established today. It was all the same with our Sudan mission. Timing was just right when a request came from a certain bishop of Sudan. Edward Kinyanjui was praying that God would use him as an oversea missionary after he graduated from our Bible school. His call was apparently confirmed when God used him to teach and produce 21 Sudanese preachers after he was sent to that war-torn nation in 2003. Some of them are now ordained pastors and others have opened churches in the southern Sudan.

It was solely God Who began all these good works in Africa and still He is the one in control of carrying them on towards their completion. Sometimes we don't know exactly where God is taking us. This time isn't totally an exception. However, after a substantial amount of prayer and observation, it dawned on us that perhaps God wants to take EAPTC to reach out to North Africa and beyond - even to Israel, the birth place of the gospel. After all, Israel is just within a country distance from Sudan, with only Egypt in between. Wherever He is taking us to go, we want to be willing to obey and to follow His lead. Surely we can't cause the sea run high, but whenever it does we can decide whether or not we will ride on the waves. We believe, when God begins a certain movement the best thing we can do (and ought to do) is to take an integral part in it. Somebody who saw our work in Africa once described EAPTC as “a silent but powerful movement.” Though challenging in each and every stages, God made sure to provide us with enough strength to pull through. And, it all started 11 years ago with a mere vision. It is God Who has matured that seed of vision to grow up to be a tree which umbrellas numerous indigenous churches and Bible schools planted in Africa today. We're assured that He Who began this good work with you and me will carry it on to complete it ... all for His glory as well as for our blessings! By God's grace and with your

prayer/financial supports someday we may be even reaching out to Israel – the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)!

We would like to THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for all manners of love and supports you've shown us over the years. You are never far from our hearts and intercession. Continue to stand with us 'till we see this "dream" come true. We at EAPTC are committed not to rest until we see that day. "God's Church shall be built in Africa, from South to North!"

Remember, the One Who began a good work in YOU is also willing and able to bring it to its completion. So let us not give up hope in the pursuit of God's dreams for our lives!

Yours together for Africa and beyond,

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Nairobi, Kenya
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