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**1 Corinthians 15:1–5:** <sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.



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***Romans 10:13–15:*** <sup>13</sup> For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS.



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**2 Timothy 2:8–9:** <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!



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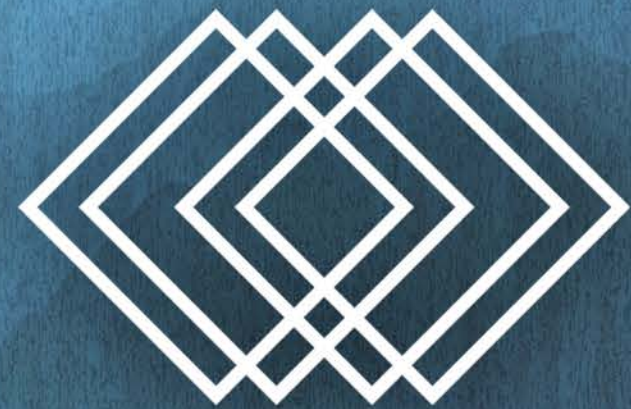
*When I was done preaching, the minister said that God had used Fiona’s death to bring a mzungu from thousands of miles away to preach the Word of God to them. If Fiona had not died, this preacher (me) would not have been here, and they (the village) would not have heard the gospel from him today... Could it be that at least one small reason why our adoption process has been continually prolonged and postponed... was so that an inexperienced young man from America could preach the gospel for ten minutes at a funeral where he didn’t even know the deceased?*

— my journal, April 2007



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