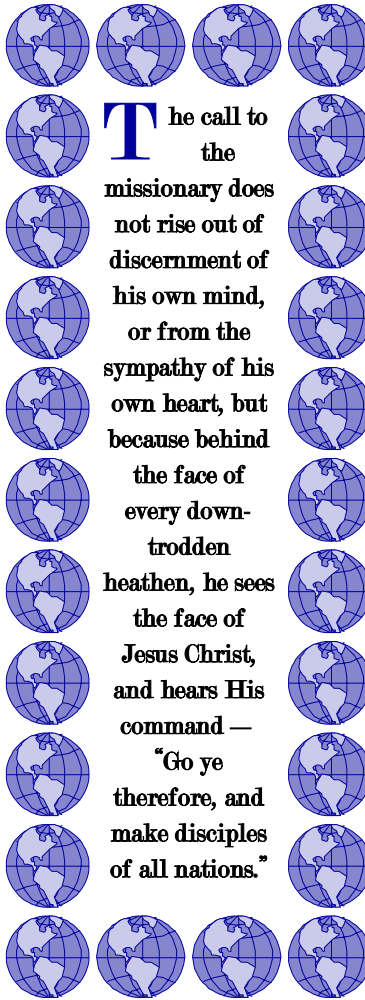


to Uganda, East Africa

What was it like being on my first week of deputation as a single missionary? I just know so many of you were praying for me. I worked my last day at my home health care job and flew to Texas City to be in my first missions conference. Upon arrival, my clothes bag and guitar had been lost. I thought this only happened in Africa. Welcome to deputation! I trusted the Lord that He was in control; and the airline bought me a new dress and my luggage did arrive the next morning. The Lord just wanted me to have a new dress! It was a week of “firsts” for me: slide presentation, speaking, and singing. I will never forget Trinity Baptist Church. It was such a privilege to get to know and be a part of that church family. I cannot begin to share all the blessings I received, but I knew God was encouraging me to keep going forward after taking my first step out of the comfort zone. I was wondering if this was the norm for deputation or the feast before the famine! Either way, I got a taste of what God wants to do for me if I will just continue to trust Him in the ups as well as the downs. I don’t want to miss anything! What a special and memorable beginning to deputation!!!

Just a few days later, my parents and I arrived in Chattanooga, TN at the BIMi headquarters. I was to go before the board. I’m glad I did not realize what was ahead beforehand — especially going before the questioning committee. Yes, I made it, but after it was over, I really couldn’t believe what I was actually doing. I had walked into this just trusting that if this was indeed the Lord’s will, He would get me through. That evening I was to go before the entire board (about 40 pastors). I will never forget the moment I walked into the middle of that room with all those men standing around me. I was overwhelmed, excited, and humbled all at the same time. Both my pastors were there — Dr.



The call to the missionary does not rise out of discernment of his own mind, or from the sympathy of his own heart, but because behind the face of every down-trodden heathen, he sees the face of Jesus Christ, and hears His command — “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations.”

time. Both my pastors were there — Dr. Jim Brown, and Dr. Clarence Sexton. God had encircled me with many faithful men and women who would be standing with me in my desire to serve Christ. I saw that I was not just a single person going out to battle on my own, but was just one of a great force that is serving God. These men and women have already gone before in the battle and proven that there is no greater privilege in life than that of serving Him. A special memory has been stamped on my heart of the faithful men and women who have passed on their Godly heritage to me — and that memory will challenge me to keep passing it on when times get rough. I have grown up seeing how real God is and what He can do through the lives of yielded hearts; and I cannot get over the joy of now seeing Him do the same for me. Can there be anything more glorious than that of seeing Him work out His perfect plan for our lives! The more control He has, the more glorious I find Him to be — I would not trade the opportunities He has given me to serve Him for anything else.

The very morning after I had been accepted by BIMi, I received two messages: I would be receiving support from my very first church, and a missionary was giving me his van for deputation. The Lord has blessed me with meetings til June. On top of all of this, I will be able to travel to some of my meetings with my parents. What a way to start deputation — and it started after I took that first step. It reminds me of this verse: *“But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou has seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;” Acts 26:16.* Thank you for your part in prayer and support. God

...”teaching them to observe all things...”:

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- ◆ training nationals to teach the Bible

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