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## When the Light Came On!



A constant battle that we face here in East Africa as we seek to teach and train national leadership is the pervading influence of the Charismatic movement and the prosperity gospel. One aspect of this false teaching that is especially persistent is the belief that Christians can lose their salvation. Therefore, eternal security is a common discussion in our Bible college classes. Recently, in my New Testament Survey class, the topic again turned toward this issue. We have several Kenyan men in our college that are already pastoring churches. One such student is named Justus, a 54-year-old man who has been pastoring for several years yet has never received formal theological training until now. Justus has a sincere desire to learn and to grow in his knowledge of Scripture and biblical doctrine. Because of his religious background, he has struggled with this doctrine of eternal security. As we once again had a classroom discussion on this issue, the light finally came on for Justus. After examining a good number of Scripture references on this topic, he finally declared, “I guess what these verses are saying is that salvation is all a supernatural act of God whereby He not only saves us but keeps us saved.” The verse that clinched it for him was 1 Peter 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” Please pray for Justus and the other students that we seek to equip for the work of the ministry.

## Ladies Retreat

For several months the ladies of our church had been studying the book of Ephesians. At the conclusion of their study, they planned an overnight retreat to discuss it and to have several concluding sessions. In addition, there were testimonies, singing, and great fellowship. The theme of the retreat was, “The Church: The Manifold



Wisdom of God.” There were three teaching sessions all from Ephesians. Tammy was one of the speakers, and she taught from Ephesians 4:15 on “speaking the truth in love.” A Kenyan lady named Mary was one of the other speakers, and she did a wonderful job. Earlier this year Tammy had been involved in a seminar for ladies in which they were taught how to interpret a passage of Scripture in order to prepare a lesson to teach. Mary had been in Tammy’s group, so it was especially rewarding for her to be a part of equipping Kenyan ladies to be teachers of the Word. The retreat was a great success with 90 ladies in attendance. Please pray for Tammy as she ministers to the ladies of our church.